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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

TERRIBLE PLIGHT OF GERMAN TROOPS.

CAUGHT IN THE PINSK MARSHES: GREAT LOSS OF MEN AND MATERIAL.

What Italy Has Done: Her Operations Reviewed.

THE ALLIES AND GREEK MOBILISATION.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

THE ITALIANS.

A FINE RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

January 30, 3.45 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Rome, an official resume of the Italian operations says that the Italians have acquired a rich and populous region in Trentino, prevented an invasion of Venetia, cut an important strategic road in Dolomites, maintained possession of the Carnia border against persistent Austrian attacks, established a firm footing on the left bank of the Isonzo, holding in check the fortress of Tolmino which was at the mercy of Italian guns rendering the town of Gorizia uninhabitable, and pushed back the Austrian line of defence beyond Isonzo and the Carso plateau, where the Italians have firmly established themselves.
The Austrians in the Isonzo region have lost twenty thousand prisoners, many guns and material.
The Italian Army begins the New Year legitimately proud of its deeds and unshakably confident of the future. It will redouble its efforts till it has attained the glorious goal.

THE RAID ON PARIS.

SMART WORK BY FRENCH AEROPLANES.

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The aeroplanes were working under the most difficult conditions, as there was a thick mist below which prevented the searchlights from giving the maximum assistance, but the aeroplanes prevented further bombing.
An airman says that Paris looked like a black hole in the middle of the lighted suburbs.
President Poincare and Ministers to-day are visiting the sufferers and the scenes of the damage.

LATEST FIGURES.

January 30, 8.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that the Zeppelins killed twenty-four persons and injured at least twenty-eight.

MORE HONOURS.

TWO NEW C.B.'S.

January 30, 5.20 p.m.
The Gazette announces that the following have been made Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:—
Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Lowther, Scots Guards.
Lieut.-Colonel B. Fitzgerald, London Regiment.

COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA:

January 30, 5.20 p.m.
The Rt. Hon. Mr. A. Fisher, High Commissioner for Australia, has arrived in London.

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HUGE GERMAN LOSSES.

TERRIBLE PLIGHT OF TROOPS.

WHOLE DETACHMENTS PERISH IN MARSHES.

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According to a telegram from Petrograd, recent prisoners confirm the suffering of the Germans in the Pinsk marshes. A rapid thaw has released vast quantities of subterranean water which has wrecked all the enemy works as though they had been bombed. Dozens of heavy batteries, thousands of munitions wagons, numerous guns and entire depots have been irreversibly engulfed, while whole detachments in the trenches have been cut off and have perished miserably as they were unable to escape from the marshy labyrinth.
The authorities in Germany, in order to prevent the news from leaking out, isolate the returned soldiers, who are invariably suffering from virulent influenza.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

NEW ZEALANDERS' VISIT POSTPONED.

January 29, 4.00 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Wellington says that Rt. Hon. W. F. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and Rt. Hon. Sir J. G. Ward have postponed their visit to Great Britain owing to important work in New Zealand.

TURKS SHUT UP IN ERZERUM.

January 29, 4.00 p.m.
A message from Petrograd states that two Turkish Army Corps are shut up in Erzerum and that reinforcements are impossible.

SEQUEL TO CONSULAR ARRESTS.

January 29, 4.00 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at the Hague states that as the result of the intervention of the Dutch Government, Bulgaria has released and restored the functions of the keepers of the archive of the British and French Legations in Sofia. France has therefore released and sent to Switzerland the Bulgarian consular staff arrested at Salonica and restored the functions of the keeper of the Bulgarian Legation in Paris.

ITALIANS TO ABANDON DURAZZO.

January 30, 8.00 p.m.
It is stated in Rome that the Italians have decided to abandon Durazzo and to concentrate at Valona.

THE NEAR EAST.

FRENCH TROOPS DYING FROM STARVATION.

January 29, 4.00 p.m.
A Daily Mail correspondent in the Near East, states that he saw at Konia three hundred French prisoners who were totally neglected and were starving and dying like flies. He believes that British prisoners are confined at Anzara.

TURKISH GARRISON CAPTURED.

January 29, 4.00 p.m.
French marines have landed at Xanthopoli, opposite Costelloriza in Asia Minor, and have taken prisoners the Turkish garrison.

FRENCH AIR RAID.

January 29, 5.35 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Salonica, a great French air-raid on January 28, on the Bulgarian-German camp at Pazari, north west of Douran, caused a great panic, and considerable damage was done. The machines returned unscathed.

BRITISH GENERALS MEET.

January 29, 11.05 p.m.
An official message says that General Sir Percy Lake and General Aylmer have joined at Wadi. The weather continues to be bad, the whole country being deep in mud, making the movements of troops most difficult.

ENEMY CAMPS BOMBED.

January 30, 1.15 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, fourteen French aeroplanes yesterday dropped numerous bombs on the enemy camps at Bazari, north of Lake Douran.

MUNITION MINISTERS CONFER.

January 29, 10.05 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law, General Sir W. E. Robertson, General J. P. Du Cane, Mr. R. P. Lee, M.P., and Mr. J. I. Macpherson, M.P., have arrived in Paris to confer with M. Thomas, French Minister of Munitions and with the Under-Secretary of Munitions, regarding the acceleration of the output of munition and a greater co-operation in the production.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

SET BACK FOR THE ENEMY.

January 30, 12.05 a.m.
A British communique reports that yesterday evening, after a heavy bombardment, the enemy entered some of our saps near Carnoy, but counter-attacks early in the morning ejected the enemy, who abandoned dead and wounded. Hostile shelling in this area continued to-day, the enemy delivering bombing attacks night and morning near quarries and at Giverny, but they were repulsed. There has been heavy shelling in the vicinity of Loe, but the shelling has now diminished. Our artillery replied vigorously besides bombarding and damaging the enemy's trenches at other points.

CAPTURED TRENCHES RE-OCCUPIED.

January 30, 1.15 a.m.
The Paris communique says:—In Artois, west of Hill 140, we continued successfully to re-occupy portions of the trenches captured yesterday by the enemy. In the course of the fighting we liberated fifty French prisoners. The enemy, south of the Folie road, attempted to recapture two craters, but were repulsed. The artillery was most active between the Somme and the Oise, north of the Aisne and in Lorraine. Our artillery destroyed a number of observation posts and wrecked enemy works.

ZEPPELIN RAID ON PARIS.

January 30, 3.40 a.m.
A Zeppelin threw three bombs on Paris at ten o'clock this evening. There were some victims and some property damaged. Reuter's correspondent at Paris reports that the approach of the Zeppelin was reported at 9.20 in the evening, and immediately the whole city was plunged in darkness. Firemen ran through the streets with bells and bugles, alarming the inhabitants. Searchlights lit up the sky, where a squadron of aeroplanes entrusted with the defence of the city was dimly discernible. The first explosions were heard at ten o'clock.

PERSONS KILLED AND HOUSES WRECKED.

January 30, 6.55 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, the Zeppelin dropped 13 bombs on the city. Nine houses were wrecked, seven people killed, and 22 injured.

January 30, 6.35 a.m.
Reuter's Paris correspondent says the Zeppelin dropped several bombs, and there were many victims—15 at one point; a man, three women and two children were killed at another point, and there were also several victims through the collapse of a house destroyed by a bomb. Elsewhere there was damage to property. The end of the raid was announced by the bugles of the firemen at one o'clock in the morning. The population throughout was most calm. There were crowds on the boulevards who watched the searchlights and listened to the aeroplanes. A thick mist hampered the guns. Several aeroplanes pursued the Zeppelin, which was at a great height, and they fired at it as it disappeared.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND PEACE.

January 30, 3.40 a.m.
A message from New York says that President Wilson, speaking at Pittsburgh, said that the world was a-fire and that sparks were likely to drop anywhere. If people could see the despatches he had read hourly, they would appreciate the difficulty of maintaining peace. The country must prepare, not for war or aggression, but for national defence. It was quite feasible to train youths in the use of arms simultaneously with industrial education. The dangers were grave, and constant friction was likely to arise with regard to the movement of overseas commerce.

[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of yesterday:—]

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

January 29, 3.05 a.m.
A Paris communique states that there has been fierce cannonading and sharp fighting in Artois, where German attacks at four different points were repulsed, except at one south of Giverny, whereby the enemy, after exploding a number of mines, gained a footing in our advanced trenches.

Of the other attacks, which were simultaneous, two were completely defeated—namely, near the Neuville-La Folie road, and north-east of Arras.

A third attack, north of Bolincaert, was arrested at the outset, the enemy being unable to leave his trenches in face of artillery and rifle fire.

The French, in a sharp fight, recaptured another mine crater south of the Neuville-La Folie road and repulsed violent counter-attacks.

The seriousness of the enemy losses in the preceding fights in this region is shown by the fact that 150 German bodies were counted in one of the recaptured craters.

The enemy violently bombarded Arras and the positions south of the town, the French vigorously replying.

The French guns wrecked enemy works south of Lassigny.

January 29, 5.10 p.m.
A Paris communique says that after a sharp counter-attack at Artois, we recaptured a portion of the trench occupied by the Germans yesterday. The enemy after a violent bombardment south of the Somme attacked on a front of several kilometres. The whole of the southern part of the attack failed completely, only succeeding on the actual bank of the Somme. The attacks have been stopped.

The first French counter-attacks re-occupied some trenches.

The French artillery set fire to a magazine to the south of Manster. There were many explosions.

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TELEGRAMS NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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A list received of the survivors of the auxiliary cruiser Tara shows that only ten persons are missing.

The Allies will reply jointly to the proposal of the United States that merchantmen should not carry guns for defence.

Baron Mayor has been appointed Commissary General in England for the provisioning of transports.

Lieut.-Colonel William M. Watson has been appointed temporary Brigadier-General while commanding an Indian Brigade.

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Spanish vessels arriving at Vigo report that mines are moored far out in the Bay of Biscay. Two Spanish boats were recently sunk there.

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DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
City Hall—Piano Recital by Mr. Desmond Fuller; 9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

West Point Building Co., Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders, at 11.30 a.m.
Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders, at 11.45 a.m.
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders, at noon.
Hongkong Land Redemption Co., Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders, at 12.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

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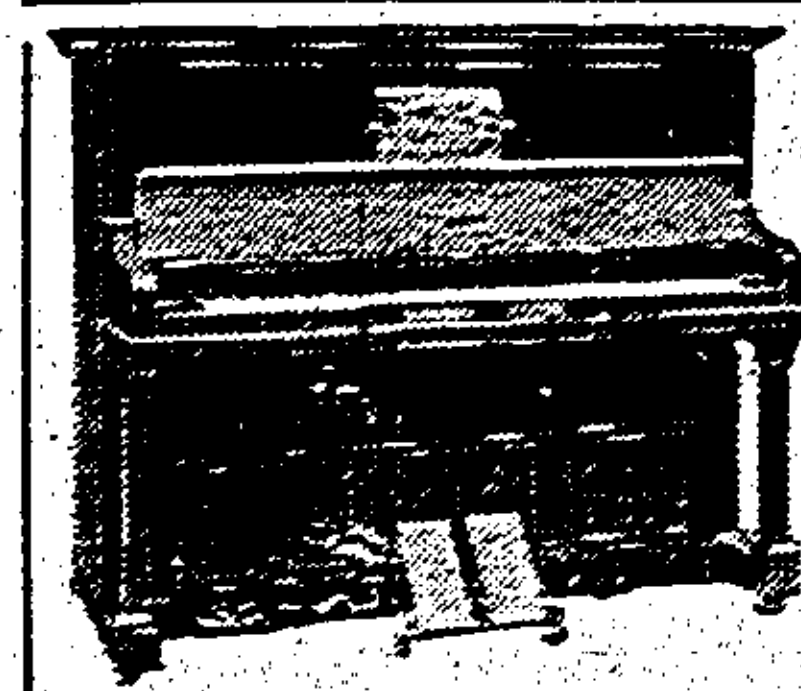
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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

South China Morning Post.

The American Note.

When all that American citizens
have suffered at the hands of our
ruthless enemy is taken into
account surprise will be expressed
at the remarkable tameness
of the American Note to the
belligerents on the subject of sub-
marine piracy. While regarding
the destruction of merchantmen
without warning and without re-
moving passengers and crew as
contrary to the laws of humanity,
the Note recognises the right of a
belligerent to use submarines and
seeks to deprive merchantmen of
the only means of defence allowed
to them against these treacherous
craft. The case of the *Paria* is a
sample of what is likely to happen
if the formula proposed by Secre-
tary Lansing should be adopted.

Daily Press.

Mining in China.

The new regime in China will,
we suppose, be ushered in with
the usual lavish promises of pro-
gress and reform, and one of the
first things to be referred to will
be to be expected, be the desirabil-
ity of taking steps to exploit
China's mineral wealth. The ques-
tion has been threshed out so often,
and the promises that have re-
peatedly been made have so in-
variably led to nothing, that it
seems almost a waste of time to
re-open the matter. We still,
however, cling to the hope that
some day there will be a
genuine revolution in China
that will sweep away all the
old prejudices and make
real progress possible. Mining
development does not necessarily
imply reform, nor is even in-
dustrial or commercial advance
an infallible sign of progress; but
in China the attitude of the
country towards its wealth of coal
and metals is a very good test of
the extent to which she has
divested herself of her cobwebbed
conservatism and has assimilated
the spirit of modern life.

China Mail.

After the War.

The *Times* has recently
been gathering opinions from
representative business men in
various centres of industry on
the prospects and problems of
British trade after the war and
the best means of meeting the
fierce competition by which Ger-
many will endeavour to regain
her lost trade. Already Germany is
straining every nerve to bring
Austria, Bulgaria, and ultimately
Turkey into a huge Zollverein in
preparation for the commercial
war that is to come; and fears are
expressed that unless the Allies
take steps soon to counteract this
danger, they may once more find
themselves "too late." There are,
however, indications that on this oc-
casion the preparation will not be
on one side, the *Times* says. Not
only are the British Government,
according to the statement of Mr.
Asquith on December 9, investi-
gating the trade problems that
will arise on the conclusion of
the war, but a great conference,
to be attended by representatives
of the 120 Chambers through-
out the United Kingdom, and by
delegates from Allied countries
will be held in London in Febru-
ary to discuss the subject.

"For the Training of Character."
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GENERAL NEWS.

Mount Etna Again Active.
 Rome, Dec. 18.—Advisers from Catania state that two eruptions of Mount Etna occurred yesterday from the crater formed in 1911. Smoke, steam, and ashes were emitted. By to-night the volcano is again calm.

Sir E. Speyer and Sir E. Cassel.
 London, Dec. 17.—The attempt to deprive Sir Edgar Speyer and Sir Ernest Cassel of membership in the Privy Council, on account of their German birth, has been defeated. Lord Chief Justice Reading, who has had the case under advisement, delivered his judgment to-day. He declared Sir Edgar and Sir Ernest, as naturalised British subjects, had all the rights of British-born subjects, and therefore entitled to be members of the Privy Council.

Mr. H. T. B. of the firm of N. Lazarus, opticians, who for some years has been in charge of the Hongkong office has come to Shanghai to take over control of the branch here, says the N. C. Daily News. Mr. Tobias claims to be the only optician holding British qualifications in the Far East. In addition to being a Freeman of the City of London, and a fellow of the Institute of Ophthalmic Opticians, he also holds the diploma of the Spectacle Makers Guild, which has on its examining board such eminent men as Dr. Lindsay Johnson and Professor Sylvanus Thompson.

Lord Rosebery and the "Maker of Perambulators"
 Edinburgh, Dec. 11.—In a speech delivered here this evening, Lord Rosebery said: "At this moment there is coming over a vessel-fraught with peace. It is propelled apparently by a gentleman named Ford, who makes, I think, perambulators. He is coming over to pour oil on troubled waters at the inspiration of a Doctor Aked, of whom we know something here, and who, by voice more potent than that of any mortal heard in this world, is going to call the soldiers from the trenches and bid the waves be still. The expedition will fail, but that the eighty passengers receiving free passages may enjoy themselves and do no mischief is our earnest solicitation."

The Detention of Telegrams at Vladivostok.
 According to a Vladivostok dispatch dated the 28th ultimo to the Munkichi, the Japanese Consulate-General in Vladivostok has been notified by the superintendent of the post office there that the detention of mails and telegrams has been countermanded since the 27th ultimo. The Foreign Office in Tokyo made a similar announcement. But according to information obtained from Vladivostok by the Asahi, telegrams are still being detained at the Russian ports in spite of the official announcement. The "Asahi" takes the Government to task for its inability to take any effective steps regarding this detention or even to ascertain its cause.

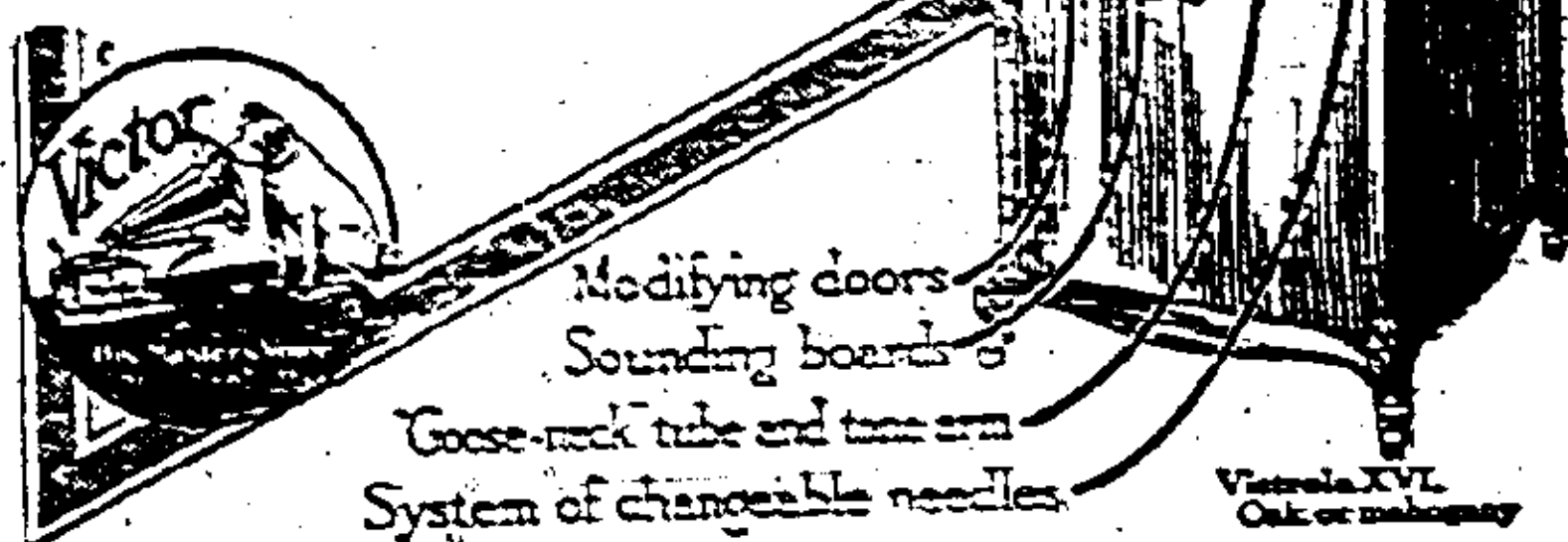
Death of a Siamese Prince.
 Divakorn.
 We Bangkok Times regret to announce the death of H. R. H. Prince Krom Mun Divakorn Wongs Pravat, which occurred on January 4. The late Prince was born in August 1857 and was a son of King Mongkut and Chao Chom Manda Chan. His own name was Phra Ong Chao Kasem Sapsycke, and he was promoted Krom Mun Divakorn in R. S. 115 by His late Majesty. The Prince married Mom Lamai, a sister of Phya Senabhimak. His sons are Mom Chao Pradibaddha Khemeri (Lord Lieutenant of Khemeri), Mom Chao Nane (Under Secretary in the Ministry of Finance), Mom Chao Boonri (educated in England and a lecturer at the Medical College), two others who are officers in the army, and one who is in the Mahadhai living at Nakon Pathom. The Prince was never in Government service. He lived for many years near Wat Jetabol, before moving to near Wat Somkhieng, and was a great authority on orchids.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Marvel of Surgery.

An extraordinary surgical operation has been successfully performed on a wounded soldier at Sunderland Hospital. When at the front a piece of shrapnel struck him on the head and dislodged a piece of bone. The Sunderland surgeons took strips of bone from the patient's shin and filled them into the skull cavity, which was 3 in. by 4 in. The new bone knitted with that of the skull, and the patient rapidly recovered. He is now going about, is in high spirits, and save for the scar on the head, which his hair is covering, shows no sign of the injury he had received.—Globe.

Dutch Colonial Centenary.

The Batavia Handelsblad learns from reliable sources that the Governor General is forming plans for the celebration of the Centenary of the handing over of the Dutch Colonies by the British Government to the Netherlands. The Heads of the various Government Departments have been fully informed of the scheme, which has not yet been made public, whose support the G.G. has asked for. The journal is high in praise of the observance and remarks that the observance of such an event will but help to bring before the Powers of the World the colonising efforts of the Dutch.

An Arnold Karberg Case.
 In the Court of Appeal, the hearing has been commenced of an appeal by Messrs. Arnold, Karberg and Co. from a judgment of Mr. Justice Scrutton, deciding against their claim to recover from the defendants, Messrs. Blythe, Green, Jourdain and Co., the value of 200 tons of China horse beans shipped in the Yangtze River, before war, on board the German steamer Gernia for carriage to Naples. At the outbreak of war the Gernia interned herself in the Dutch East Indies, but the appellants contended that by the terms of the contract the property in the goods had passed to the buyers, and the sellers were entitled to payment three months after the date of the bill of lading.

The Late Sultan of Perak.
 A Federated Malay States Government Gazette Extraordinary, published last week, contained the following notification:—"It is with profound regret that His Excellency the High Commissioner announces that His Highness the Sultan of Perak, Sir Idris Merid el Azzam Shah, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., ibni Almerthum Iskandar Shah, passed away at 7.45 last evening. By the decease of His late Highness, the State of Perak and the Federated Malay States have lost a wise and able Ruler, and the British Government a trusted friend. The obsequies will take place at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, January 17, at Kuala Kangsar. His Excellency commands that all flags on Government buildings be flown at half-mast, until further orders, and that on Monday, 17th, all Government offices be closed."

Retirement through Ill Health.
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A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

(Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of January 31, 1915.)

Defeat of Turks.

The *Matin's* correspondent states that the Turks have suffered another crushing defeat in Persia, their right wing being overthrown by the Russians, who are reported to have entered Tabriz. The Turks are fleeing. Another German aeroplane brought down.

A German aeroplane was brought down, east of Gerberville to-day, and the aviators captured. Air Raid and Reprisals in France.

Several aeroplanes bombarded Dunkirk on the night of the 28th, killing and wounding some persons. The damage to property was insignificant. Early this morning two French aeroplanes dropped bombs on the enemy's camps in the region of Leon, Laere and Soissons.

Turkish Positions on the Suez. The Turks occupied Katia, twenty-five miles north-east of Kantara, with outposts at Bir-el-Duerdar. Twelve miles nearer, there is another post, at Moyah-Arab, twenty-five miles east of the bitter lakes; and there is a third at Bit-Mabek, ten miles east of Suez. The Turks also have a small post at Tor, on the Red Sea.

Enemy Wreck Their Own Trenches.
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1916.

A LESSON FROM THE WAR.

Apart from the effect which it is having on the temper of the British people, sobering their outlook on life and causing them to look facts squarely in the face, there can be no doubt that the war is teaching us many very valuable lessons in the political and economic spheres. Opinions long and tenaciously held are now being thrown into the melting pot. Orthodoxy in politics is no longer a counted thing. A new order of affairs and a new conception of theories are being evolved, suited to the abnormal times prevailing, and out of these there must spring into existence developments which will bring in their train great and lasting advantages to the nation, industrially, politically, morally and socially.

We made reference the other day to the revision of political beliefs which the war is producing, especially laying emphasis on the general approval which has been given to the decision to tax imports—a decision which, at any other time than the present, would have aroused the bitterest opposition. The motives at the back of this resolve were to check the consumption of unnecessary luxuries, or, alternatively, to yield fresh revenue. The matter has now been taken a stage further, and our politicians have come to see that by an extension of the same principle it is possible to foster industries concerning which in the past we have been content to depend on foreign help. Indeed, we have been quite willing in some instances utterly to neglect specific industries, giving our foreign rivals an open field which they might exploit to their hearts' content. The disinterested observer might, perhaps, wonder that Britain should have been content to rub along in this impolitic, haphazard way, but it is the same with nations as with individuals: so long as we can find others to discharge this function or that for us, the less inclined do we become to do things for ourselves. And we know that in the case of those industries which Britain has unhappily neglected there have been nations not only willing, but eager, to step into the breach. It would appear now, however, that we are beginning to realise the sheer folly of our past attitude in this regard. The war is driving common-sense into the heads of our politicians, though the process is tediously slow.

The latest decision of the Government is to add to the list of non-essential goods the imports of which are to be prohibited. The new prohibitions will include paper-making materials, building materials, furniture-woods, etc. The primary idea is, according to Mr. Runciman's statement, to economise shipping. But it is clear that other ends will be served also, not the least important of these being the stimulus which will be given to home production. That this point is also kept in mind is evident from the fact that, co-incidental with the stopping of foreign supplies of paper-making materials, there is to be a prohibition of the export of rags and waste paper. Reviewing the whole question, the fact is that there are a thousand and one articles which we might easily produce, regarding which we have conceded a monopoly to outsiders. If our fiscal system were only what it should be, there is no reason on earth why we should depend on foreign countries for paper, building materials, furniture and what not else, as we have hitherto. If that point is being driven home to our politicians, as seems to be the case, it will be by no means one of the least valuable lessons which the war has taught us as a nation.

Chinese Launches.

The sinking of the Yamati ferry launch on Saturday evening serves to bring forward the whole question of the unsavouriness of many of the launches which regularly ply in the harbour. In this instance there was, happily, no loss of life, but that is due rather to a fortunate grouping of circumstances than to anything else. While we know nothing of the state of the craft which went down on this occasion—whether she was in trim condition or otherwise—we do know that we should not be over-anxious to trust ourselves on many boats of her kind which can be seen moving about the harbour. These boats, many of them, have all the appearances of just being able to hold themselves together, and we should imagine that there is only one place for which they are suited—the scrap-heap. Collisions, of course, are liable to cause serious damage to any launch, even the newest and most well-built. But we are afraid that some of the egg-shell craft plying to and from the shores of the island would scarcely stand a decent thrust with a walking stick. The question of licensing such boats as these, demands serious consideration, or one of these days we may expect to hear of a catastrophe far more serious than that of Saturday.

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Insufficiently Punished.

What made this latter case all the worse was that the defendant had previously been a member of the Police Force and therefore he must have been well-acquainted with the ordinary laws of the Colony. Taking all the facts into account, we cannot but think that he got off with an absurdly light punishment when he was merely fined \$25 for the assault. A Chinese who takes it upon himself to attack a European, deserves a heavy sentence of imprisonment, and when that European happens to be a police constable, the punishment should be correspondingly heavier, for the guardians of the law must be protected at all costs. If the Chinese are allowed to run away with the idea that they can fearlessly resist our police in the execution of their duties, and only land themselves in for the payment of a relatively light fine, there will be a sorry time ahead for Hongkong. The only consoling feature about the case is that the constable appears to have administered a considerable degree of physical punishment on the resister during the struggle. May be, his Wozship took that into account. We hope he did, anyhow.

German Tonnage in Allied Hands.
Fair Play remarks that Italy's seizure of German vessels in her ports brings the total number of vessels seized by the Allies of the Hamburg-American, Norddeutsche-Lloyd, Harpa, Deutsche-Australische lines to 105, with an aggregate tonnage of 542,583.

DAY BY DAY

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To-night's Concert.

Our readers are reminded of Mr. Denman Fuller's piano recital which takes place this evening at 9.15 p.m. in the City Hall. The programme includes Chopin's Sonata in B flat minor, and Mr. H. E. Muriel will sing songs from Somervell's setting of Tennyson's "Maud," with Mr. Norman Peterkin at the piano. As has been announced, the proceeds are entirely in aid of War Charities. No more tickets are now available. Dumping rubbish in the Harbour. A fine of \$10, or 14 days imprisonment, was inflicted in the case of a woman charged before M. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, with dumping rubbish in the Harbour. Inspector Sullivan remarked that the Police had the utmost difficulty in stopping the practice. The woman was paid for collecting the rubbish from houses, and then to get rid of it quickly she dumped it in the Harbour.

Insurance News.
The amalgamation of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. and the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, which was at one time mooted, has not received the approval of the Canadian Government. The decision is highly complimentary to the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., being a recognition by the Government of the excellent financial position of the Company, which continues its progressive career. The past year has been the best in the Company's history. The local agents are Messrs. Bradley and Co. Ltd.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS

AMERICA'S ATTITUDE.

Air Activities.

The principal points of the week-end wires are the air raids, Mr. Belloc's interesting figures in connection with German losses and the attitude of America towards the war. News as to the French attack on Freiburg is less definite than that concerning the German raid on Paris. The obvious comment on the Paris affair is that our enemy is asking for additional trouble. For one successful assault on Paris there must necessarily be scores of failures, having in view the distance of the French capital from the nearest German camp. France, on the other hand, should choose to be nasty, can quite easily make things more than uncomfortable for enemy territory that, in many cases, lies immediately outside her own camps. It is more than probable that she can safely be relied upon to take proper reprisals for anything the enemy may have achieved in Paris.

German Losses.
Mr. Belloc has done good service by his painstaking enquiry into German losses. It is easy to see that he is not merely theorising and that his reckoning of three and a quarter million German casualties up to two months ago is founded upon very safe deduction. We hope it may be possible for his figures to reach the rank and file of the German populace, civil and military; and, with the figures, the processes by means of which they have been arrived at. With three and a quarter million men put out of action it is not difficult to understand why our enemy should be so frantically urging the Austrians, Bulgarians and Turks to do their fighting for her. The question is, can she have many of her original army left? By 1915 she was to have had, according to her own story, somewhere in the neighbourhood of five and a half million men ready. But that number would have to include Landsturm and Landwehr, the supernumerary, and the young and ill-trained. We say "ill-trained" advisedly. A nation that has relied for so long on conscription cannot do what Britain has done: take untrained men away from the counter, the workshop, the desk and the plough, or from school and college, and convert them, in the course of a few months, into pukkas fighting men. Such a thing is opposed to Germany's traditions, which demand that each man should undergo a long and slow training. Well may Mr. Lloyd George say that, while we are growing stronger and more war-worthy every day, our adversary is growing weaker.

America and the War.

Mr. Robert Lansing's formula, in itself, is quite an excellent one in theory, and, were we dealing with a civilised enemy one could say that it was designed most aptly to offer complete protection in future to non-combatants at sea. But how comes it that Mr. Lansing does not allow for the fact that we are not dealing with a civilised foe, but, on the contrary, with one who has frankly told the world that treaties are but scraps of paper and has, time after time, deceived and insulted and laughed at the Americans themselves? These considerations would seem to make the proposed formula mere waste labour. President Wilson's speech is much more to the point. Whether he has in view the near approach of the next presidential election, whether pressure has been brought to bear upon him by his colleagues in the Government or by financiers outside is no affair of ours. The central point of the whole thing is that Dr. Wilson, if correctly reported, has had the courage publicly to "take back" his recent statement to Congress to the effect that the need for preparedness was not pressing. Washington journalists see in all this a direct hint—in fact a final warning—to Count von Bernstorff as to the Lusitania. May it not also be a polite intimation to the hypocritical Americans as a whole?

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

"Eyeglasses for Monkeys," says *Globe* heading—As though that were anything new!

The westernisation of China proceeds apace. The enterprising individual whom Mr. Hissland sent for six months' holiday for collecting funds for a hospital that doesn't exist was merely trying a dodge that has been worn threadbare at home.

"Dan Barata in California," says yesterday's *Telegraph*. There'll probably be some in Hongkong during China New Year week.

It was so like the *Daily Mail* to chronicle the fact that the Kaiser "kept using his handkerchief" during a recent banquet. Or is the fact specially mentioned as an indication that H.I.M. is at last adopting at least one of the usages of civilisation? Had the paragraph related to his august son and heir the betting would have been that the handkerchief wasn't his own.

That was a nasty little dig at our Post Office the other day, when someone went up to the counter and asked for some Hongkong Jubilee stamps. In fact we think it was rather rubbing it in, for we have never known our P.O. quite so much as twenty-five years behind the times.

The drill instructor who said to his men: "Each of you should practise 'forming fours' by yourself" has a vivid imagination. We would also recommend the solitary rehearsing of a Samson race or of a pianoforte and trombone duet as a light and profitable recreation for leisure hours.

One never realises how really hard up for a subject a journalist can get till one reads in the *N.Y. York Outlook* an article headed "Education in Turkey." We should imagine there's rather a boom in that kind of fun just now.

Reuter advises us that the shortage of paper at home will mean a reduction in the size of some of the newspapers. Well, it was time the public got some little advantage out of the war.

The *North China Daily Mail* gives us: "A Tientsin consumer of a large quantity of butter monthly says there is a great difficulty just now in any quantity. He should curb his appetite and be content to consume less."

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

January 1	Tons	149
" 2	"	137
" 3	"	135
" 4	"	127
" 5	"	135
" 6	"	128
" 7	"	139
" 8	"	132
" 9	"	138
" 10	"	150
" 11	"	133
" 12	"	243
" 13	"	237
" 14	"	255
" 15	"	235
" 16	"	209
" 17	"	183
" 18	"	198
" 19	"	198
" 20	"	183
" 21	"	202
" 22	"	210
" 23	"	192
" 24	"	205
" 25	"	177
" 26	"	183
" 27	"	171
" 28	"	180
" 29	"	178
" 30	"	187
Total to 30th inst.		5,527
Daily average		177.56

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with St. Joseph's College took place at the College Hall on Saturday afternoon. His Lordship Bishop D. Possoni presiding over a large gathering of parents and friends of the students. The Boy Scouts were also in attendance, and acted as guard of honour to His Lordship the Bishop, who was accompanied by the Rev. Fr. Maria, Rev. Fr. Gabardi and several other of the clergy.

The Report.

The Director of the College (Brother Aimar) read the following report:—My Lord, Rev. Fathers, ladies and gentlemen.—Before presenting to you the report for the school year 1914-15, I beg leave to recall the great loss the College suffered in April 1914 in the death of my predecessor, Brother Peter Chrysologus. Although nearly two years have elapsed since God called him to his eternal rest, his happy memory is and will be ever present thanks to the Scholarship established by the Old Boys to be awarded yearly to the best boy in Class 3. The uninterrupted educational and academic successes of the College for the past decade or so, are a powerful incentive for the present staff to do all in their power to maintain its efficiency and good name. Brother Cornelius went on leave in June last year and is still in Ireland. The staff comprises 12 Brothers, six Student teachers and two Vernacular student teachers. The regularity and punctuality of the pupils have been remarkably good except on very wet days. We have on roll 105 boys in the Higher Classes, 200 in the Middle Classes and 240 in the Lower Classes. The monthly attendance was 498. The chief feature has been an increase of 50 per cent in the attendance of the higher classes, so that in point of numbers, the College has now reached normal conditions. It is not unlikely that this rise will be still more marked next year and that we shall be obliged to duplicate Class 3—a step which would necessitate the closing of Class 8. This proves that the pupils realise the necessity of making the best of local facilities for education before taking up appointments in mercantile and professional houses here and abroad. Six additional class-rooms are badly needed not with a view of providing for increased numbers but for the accommodation of classes held in rooms which are not suitable for school work and which were originally reserved for the Teachers and the Boarders. Plans for an extension of the existing small building along Robinson Road are under consideration.

In June last year, our 15 classes were inspected by Mr. Ralphs who reported the equipment satisfactory, the discipline good, and the staff adequate. The outstanding remark in his report concerns reading. The Inspector of English Schools states that the main fault—itsself responsible for many minor faults—is too rapid reading. Throughout the School more deliberate reading should be insisted upon. We are thankful to Mr. Ralphs for his criticisms and suggestions which shall be turned to good account. Sixteen per cent of the scholars failed in the promotion examination held by me in July and were detained in the same class.

To encourage emulation and to secure progress, weekly tests in two or three subjects are given by the teachers and noted in the pupils' weekly report. Three times a year the pupils are examined on every subject and the results published with the term report for the information of the parents. I am glad to state that nearly all are functional in the inspection of their children's weekly and quarterly reports. It is only right to commend and to be grateful for the parents' co-operation in the work of the schoolmaster. The work of the schoolmaster is very much dependent on the work of the parent. In the development and training of a boy's character, discipline and self-control must be impressed on him both at home and in school.

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TELEGRAMS.

[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of yesterday.—]

DAM BURSTS IN CALIFORNIA.

FIFTY PERSONS DROWNED.

Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph," London, Received January 30.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington a big dam burst at San Diego, California. Fifty persons have been drowned, and many are homeless. An immense amount of damage has been done.

THE NEW VICEROY OF INDIA.

APPOINTMENT OF MILITARY SECRETARY.

London, Received January 30.
Lord Chelmsford, the new Viceroy of India, has appointed Major Ralph Verney, who was with him in Australia, as his Military Secretary.
Lady Chelmsford has gone to France to meet her husband.

DOUGLAS BOAT AFIRE.

An Outbreak on the "Haimun".

Yesterday morning, shortly before nine o'clock, smoke was observed to be issuing from the fore-hold of the Douglas Steamship Company's s.s. Haimun as she was lying alongside the Company's Wharf. The Haimun had only just come out of dock after her annual overhaul, and was due to leave at noon for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

The Fire Brigade was summoned and, under the direction of Station Superintendent Lane, was soon on the spot. The fire-boat was also called to the scene. Examination revealed the fact that the outbreak was confined to the Chinese crew's quarters in the fore peak of the vessel, and soon the fore part of the ship was being flooded by the fire and from the high pressure mains on the Praya. In less than an hour the outbreak was completely extinguished and the Brigade then proceeded to pump the water out of the vessel. The cause of the outbreak is not known at the moment. The damage is believed not to be great.

Two of the Chinese crew were partially overcome by the fumes, and, in the case of one, artificial respiration had to be resorted to to bring him round.

It was a fortunate circumstance that the fire was discovered before the steamer left port. As a consequence of the occurrence, the departure of the Haimun was delayed two and a half hours.

YAUMATI FERRY SUNK.

Loss of Hongkong Cricket Club Gear.

On Saturday evening, at about 6.40, one of the Yaumati Ferry launches, the Wai On, was sunk as the result of a collision with another ferry boat. It appears that she had just left Yaumati, with a large number of passengers on board, and, when passing out of the breakwater, almost opposite the Naval Camber, she collided with another ferry launch named the Lee Shing, which was proceeding in the opposite direction. Both launches were damaged, and the Wai On sank in about ten minutes. As far as can be ascertained, all the passengers and crew were saved.

The Lee Shing proceeded to one of the Naval Yard wharves, and, having landed her passengers, returned to the assistance of the Wai On, but in the meantime all the passengers from this launch had been taken off by other launches.

Several of the passengers were carrying luggage and most of this was lost. It is known that one man lost \$550 in Hongkong subsidiary coins.

Among the goods lost were twelve bags containing cricket gear of the Hongkong Cricket Club. These were being brought back after the match between the Hongkong Scouts and the Re-

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

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For the last two years, the syllabus for the higher classes is that set by the University of Hongkong. We are endeavouring to meet the requirements of the students who are looking forward to a university education by including in the course of studies, not only the English and Commercial branches but also Mathematics and Languages. Drawing is taught throughout the School and in the last local examination 20 candidates satisfied the examiners in freehand, model or geometrical drawing.

The results of the first Local Examinations held by the University were satisfactory; 70 per cent of the candidates presented were successful. Four passed the Matriculation; J. Landolt with honours. Eight obtained a senior certificate and twenty passed the Junior examination. C. Chok Lam gained distinction in English, Mathematics, and Book-keeping. Twelve were awarded the Theory certificates and 14 the Elementary by the Pittman's Institute. I. A. Osmund passed the speed test of the University. We are glad to know that the great majority of the past pupils are a credit to the College and we feel proud of Dr. Ozorio who a year ago took his M.B. and B.S. degrees and became the first graduate of the University of Hongkong from St. Joseph's College. We trust many others will follow his example.

The Students have given many proofs of their keenness and prowess in athletics. The first athletic meeting of the College held at the Race Course in April 1915 was a great success; it promises to be a popular annual function. In the Hongkong League, Division II, the College Team "won the Cup splendidly never losing a match and only one goal," said the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Football Association.

The present pupils followed in the footsteps of their elders. They distinguished themselves in the Inter-School Sports when they carried off no less than 7 first prizes, the Senior and Junior Championship Gold Medals and won the Team Race for the fourth year in succession, for which they were warmly congratulated by His Excellency the Governor.

In the Inter-class contests held in the College playground, class teams competed for silver medals and for a handsome silver shield presented last year by Mr. Woo Hay Tong. The Junior Class Team won it last year.

During the bathing season, excursions to Telegraph Bay, which is only a short distance from the College Villa, were greatly enjoyed by the Boarders. The Boarding accommodation has been fully occupied throughout the year whilst the health of the inmates has been excellent all along. In compliance with a recent order, Dr. Fitzwilliams conducted a medical examination and reported that the Sanitary conditions were all that could be desired.

The Boy Scouts have given a good account of themselves, and ever true to their motto, have made themselves useful on many occasions, as you all know.

The Old Boys' Association has shown its vitality and activity in many ways. The Committee superintended the athletic sports and the Association presented a beautiful silver challenge cup. The College is also indebted to them for eight valuable prize books for the Empire Day Essay Competition and for two Scholarships; their own and Brother Peter's. A series of instructive lectures for the benefit of the Senior Students were delivered by the members in the College Hall. For their sympathy and devoted services which I consider most beneficial to the welfare and prosperity of the College, I beg the Committee and members of the Association to accept my heartiest thanks.

I avail myself of this opportunity to tender my thanks to the Hongkong Benevolent Society for defraying the expenses for board and lodging or lunch of eight boys in poor circumstances.

In conclusion I have only to express my gratitude to the donors of prizes and to the benefactors of the College; to thank you, My Lord,

for kindly distributing the prizes and to thank you all, ladies and gentlemen for your presence.

The Bishop's Address.

After distributing the awards, Bishop Foxton congratulated the Brother Director and the staff on their efforts, and then addressed a few words to the students. He said:—I think that in order to secure success in studies one of the most necessary means is regular and punctual attendance at school, and I am very glad, therefore, to know from the Director that it has been remarkably good. Because, in order to be regular and punctual a boy has to control and restrain himself from anything not absolutely necessary either at home or on the way to school that prevents him from complying with the duty of punctuality and obedience. By so doing he is a boy who shows in his conduct the influence of a good education, for I am sure that all of you agree with me that education, to be really beneficial, must not be limited only to the acquisition of mere technical knowledge—how to become rich or strong, how to attain a high position or to know all the works of nature, the essential facts of history—but it must be extended to the formation of character. To obtain it, spiritual and moral teaching is absolutely indispensable. The obligation of our duties towards our neighbour, the necessity of controlling our selfishness, of restraining our selfishness and to be ever ready to sacrifice our pleasure for the good of others, must be impressed on the heart of boys as early as possible; when they are still in the period of life which is capable of it. And he must be trained to study and consider the laws and works of nature in reference to the Creator and to deduce that development of faith in God and duties towards Him which is necessary in the perfection of spiritual teaching. He must also be trained to the study of history—to compare one fact with another, and to refer them all to the Law of God and the rights and needs of men to deduce that moral knowledge which should be the guide of individuals as well as of nations. He should be exhorted to study the life of those heroes who have preferred virtue and fidelity to God to worldly goods, who have sacrificed themselves for the benefit of others; to imitate them and to exult at the same time those egoists who have not recognized any other law but their own capricious interests. Without this spiritual and moral teaching to the mind and the heart of man, especially in his formative period, may become the seat of principles and habits of thought, inclinations, and affections that would prevent his free relations with his Maker and his fellow-men. It is absolutely necessary that the young should know that there are laws of conduct which are not created by men nor mutable according to man's free will. Some may say that religious instruction may be given to children at home or at Sunday schools. Experience proves that it cannot be done, because the majority of parents have neither the time nor qualifications to impart religious instruction. Nobody can give to others what he has not himself, and, besides, "we do not want our children," says the Bishop of Preterita, the Right Rev. E. M. Dunne, "to acquire the notion that religion is a Sunday luxury to be worn with their Sunday suit which is taken off again as soon as possible and carefully hung in the cedar closet until the next Sunday. The juvenile mind must be impressed with the idea that religion is an every-day necessity, to be exhibited in our conduct at all times, that the Ten Commandments must be observed on week days just as well as the rules of grammar and arithmetic. How will they familiarize themselves with their religious duties if they only hear about them once a week? It matters not whatever trade or profession which is not dishonourable a boy adopts, he certainly has the sublime vocation to become a practical Christian, an honest, temperate, industrious and useful member of society. If he fails in the attainment of this vocation, upon whom largely rests the responsibility of his future, if not upon the parents?" Now to which schools are the children to be sent in order that they may receive suitable religious and moral

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ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE.

A Successful Social Evening.

What proved to be one of the most enjoyable evenings spent at the Engineers' Institute for a long time past was that of Saturday, when the third of the series of social evenings arranged for this season took place. The premises had been very attractively decorated, the Committee being responsible for this work. There was a large attendance this being much above the average. The chair was occupied by Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, and, under his guidance, the programme which was full of excellence throughout, went off with a swing that was bound to be conducive to the success of the evening.

Among those who contributed to the programme special mention should be made of Miss C. Scott, whose fine rendering of "The Flower Song" from Gounod's "Faust" was one of the best items of the evening. Mr. H. Belp, Mr. M. C. Labrum, Mr. A. J. England and Mr. W. B. Cawsey also gave great pleasure by their contributions, encores being by no means an exception. Among the others who contributed to the entertainment were the Signaller's Orchestra, under Sergt. C. D. Silas, the Kowloon Quartette, Mr. C. D. Silas, Mr. A. N. Botes, S. Grey, and Staff-Sergt. Thompson, R.A.M.C. Mr. C. D. Silas, who is affectionately known as "Whampoa Sam", was really good in his stump speech in pidgin English which was full of witty and topical allusions.

During the evening the Chairman presented the billiard cup won during the past season, Mr. J. Stalker being the winner with Mr. D. Smith the runner-up. Taking the evening as a whole, it must be voted a complete success.

A Tiger.

Whilst riding near Wong Ka Wai village, a Scout saw a tiger carrying a pig. He fired two shots, but missed, and the animal disappeared.

Opium as Plaster.

At the Police Court to-day, Mr. Hazeland fined a Chinese who was found in possession of three tins of opium, which he stated was a plaster, \$48, or a month. Another charged with attempting to import two tins of opium was fined \$68, or two months.

instruction? I answer, only those who belong to my flock, and they have to send their children only to those schools where Catholic religion enters into the curriculum of their studies. Those who are not doing so will remember the words of St. Paul when he says, "He that doth not care of his own hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." (Applause.)

TELEGRAMS.

UNREST IN CHINA.

(Havas Telegram.)

Mukden, January 28.
The Mongol raiders have occupied Koethacheng in Shansi Province.

M. Poincare thanks New South Wales.

President Poincare has sent a letter of thanks to the people of New South Wales and the French colony there for £20,220fr. as a supplement to a previous gift of 278,100fr. for the relief of the refugees and the families of soldiers from the invaded regions.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

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NOTICE

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 19th day of February, 1916, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending the 31st December, 1915.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 7th February, to SATURDAY, the 19th February, 1916 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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N. J. STABE, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 31st January, 1916.

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VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, and Yokohama.	Shidzuoka Maru Capt. Tozawa T. 12,500 Kamakura Maru Capt. Higo T. 12,500	WEDNES., 2nd Feb., at noon. TUES., 22nd Feb., at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Thiruvananthapuram, Townsville, and Brisbane.	Saki Maru Capt. Noma T. 13,500 Tango Maru Capt. Soyeda T. 13,500	TUES., 15th Feb., at 11 a.m. TUES., 14th Mar., at 4 p.m.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang, & Rangoon.	Colombo Maru Capt. H. Nomura T. 8,000	TUESDAY, 1st Feb.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Malacca and Colombo.	Totomi Maru Capt. Tanaka T. 6,000	MONDAY, 31st Jan.
SHANGHAI, Moji and Kobe.		
SHANGHAI Kobe and Yokohama.		
NAGASAKI, Kobe and Yokohama.	Tango Maru Capt. Soyeda T. 13,500	SATUR., 12th Feb., at 10 a.m.
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LOG BOOK.

War Regulations for Dutch

Shipping.

Peking, January 17. — The Dutch ambassador at Paris denies a French newspaper allegation that Holland is helping Germany. The Dutch Government has formulated regulations whereby Dutch ships trading from Dutch harbours are prohibited from being hired or sold for carrying war material. Further consignments of mails have been seized by the British. A few letters from Curacao were confiscated. — Singapore Free Press.

The Return of the Windjammer.

The auxiliary sailing ship, Kobenhaven, just completed, is the first vessel of her kind to be constructed in British yards says Shipping and Engineering. Built for the East Asiatic Company by Messrs. Bamage and Ferguson, Leith, she will not improbably pay a visit to the Far East and afford an opportunity of seeing what such a craft is capable of. Shanghai was visited some months ago by an auxiliary sailing ship doing duty as a Japanese training ship, and though she too was specially constructed for the purpose, her engines were steam while a great deal of her space was taken up by the quarters of the cadets. Her performances on the coast, nevertheless, gave every reason for assuming that, at least in certain seasons of the year, auxiliary power involving no great loss of space and which could be discontinued when the wind was favourable, might effect a tremendous saving of fuel. In the north-east monsoon, for example, a sailing ship with a good spread of canvas would make as good time from Hongkong to Singapore as would a fast steamer, while the auxiliary speed of eight or nine knots would be sufficient to bring her up against the monsoon by the Palawan Passage, if not direct. In the summer monsoon also, on the other side of the Straits, she should be able to make good time, and if, under sail, she cannot make such passages as the average cargo steamer, the saving of fuel would be immense. The Kobenhaven is some 370ft. in length, and will be a four-master, carrying a very large spread of canvas. The propelling machinery will consist of a six-cylinder Barmeleter and "Wain four-cycle Diesel. The engine will be generally similar to the higher powered Diesels doing good work at the present time in quite a number of the East Asiatic Co.'s full-powered liners. The performance of the Kobenhaven will be watched with more than usual interest, as there are now quite a number of shipowners who hold the opinion that for certain trades the auxiliary-powered ship is a better business proposition than the full powered vessel. It is certainly not often we hear of an auxiliary powered ship being turned out in Britain, but this, nevertheless, does not signify that the semi-sailer is not meeting with increasing favour. In many countries one might say the building of oil-engined auxiliaries is quite a common practice, while again, although we seldom build a ship of the type, we are continually hearing of existing British sailing vessels being converted to motor by the fitting of auxiliary sets capable of giving a speed of five to seven knots. The engines of the Kobenhaven are, as stated above, of the Diesel type, as generally are all engines of any ocean-going oil-engined auxiliary. On the other hand, of course, when we come to the coasting vessel, where machinery is wanted up to 150 h.p., it is generally the hot-bulb installation we see adopted. There are no doubt a fair number of traders working the British coast, and fitted with heavy type paraffin engines, but there is no getting away from the fact that the low compression solid injection motor or hot-bulb set is eminently suited where power is wanted for the said class of ship. On the score of running costs alone there is much to be said in favour of the hot-bulb engine, while its simplicity of design, and the ease with which it can be handled, are also features which carry weight with commercial boat owners.

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The Saigon-Bangkok Run.
The Bangkok French Legation has received the following telegram from the Governor-General of Indo-China dated 8th Jan.—
"The steamer 'Jade,' of the firm of Bogues & Happon, will be put on the Saigon-Bangkok run from 1st March next. The Customs sea launch 'Bonite' will be put on this run in the meantime, twice a month under the same conditions as the 'Donsai.' The latter's first departure from Saigon will take place on the 20th instant." As will be seen from the above the contract allowing a big subsidy to the Messageries Maritimes of Cochinchina has not been renewed and it is evident that this new company is taking up the run perhaps for a smaller subsidy.

Shanghai Freight.
Messrs. Wheelock and Co's Freight Market Report (Shanghai, 20th January) says:—We have no change to report in our Home-ward Freight market and the volume of cargo offering for shipment is still largely in excess of the supply of tonnage; in spite of the permission granted to merchants by the China Home-ward Conference to charter steamers for certain classes of cargo there is still a demand for space for which it is difficult to secure tonnage; with the further requisitioning of vessels by respective Governments there is little or no prospect of the situation being relieved. Coastwise:—Although we are within a fortnight of the Chinese New Year holidays the China coasting trade is unusually brisk and instead of the usual drop in rates at this time of the year they are, if anything firmer than when we wrote last and we fully expect to see them go higher still after the holidays.

French Indo-China and a Minimum Tariff.
Shippers of goods to French Indo-China have been somewhat concerned late owing to the prospect of further commandeering of French shipping they would lose the benefit of the minimum tariff rate accorded to cargo carried in French bottoms. The suggestion has been made that some arrangement might be agreed upon whereby goods from this country might be shipped to Saigon in other than French vessels where such cannot be obtainable in reasonable time without forfeiture of the lower tariff rates. We understand that the official view is that the application of the "minimum" tariff rates of duty to foreign goods imported into French Indo-China from countries entitled to the French "minimum" tariff is not subject to the condition that the goods be transported to Indo-China in French bottoms. The application of the French "minimum" tariff to goods the produce of countries entitled to most-favoured nation treatment is, however, in general, subject to the condition that such goods shall be imported direct, or by way of a country which is itself entitled to the "minimum" tariff, so that they are imported through a country whose products are subject to the "general" tariff (such as the Straits Settlements, for example), they lose the advantages attaching to their origin. Moreover, all transhipped goods, whether landed at the place of transshipment or not, are, as a general rule, regarded as imported from the place where the transshipment was effected. Thus, goods otherwise entitled to the "minimum" tariff are, if transhipped at Singapore en route to Indo-China, assessed for duty at the "general" tariff rates on arrival at their destination. It is not anticipated that the French Government would be disposed to relax the general rule in favour of goods sent from this country to Indo-China, and transhipped at Singapore en route. Under the possible shortage of tonnage, we may perhaps express the hope that the French Government can so provide that goods for Indo-China should not lose the benefit of "minimum" tariff rates, if, say, a declaration was made before the French Consul at the port of embarkation of such goods, and that no undue delay occurred at the port of transshipment—that is most probably at Singapore.—*London and China Express.*

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SPORE, Pang & Cebu	Laisang	Sat. 5th Feb. at 3 p.m.
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SANDAKAN	Mansang	Tues. 8th Feb. at noon
SPORE, Pang & Calcutta	Kutsang	Tues. 8th Feb. at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN via W'wei	Cheongsang	Thurs. 10th Feb. at 8 light
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London via Ports	Sardinia	P. & O.	11, Feb.
London & Ports	Kansas	B. L. Ltd.	15, Feb.
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Vancouver	E. of Japan	C. P. R.	2, Feb.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle	S'rnoke M.	N. Y. K.	2, Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Persia M.	T. K. K.	3, Feb.
San Francisco	Tiamdani	J. C. J. L.	11, Feb.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S. S.	12, Feb.
San Francisco via Manila & Japan etc.	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	15, Feb.
Vancouver	Monteagle	C. P. R.	15, Feb.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle	Kura M.	N. Y. K.	22, Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	23, Feb.
New York via Cape	Egmont C.	D. & Co.	23, Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Dairen M.	T. K. K.	3, Mar.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Anyo M.	T. K. K.	10, Mar.
San Francisco	Karimoon	J. C. J. L.	13, Mar.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	14, Mar.
Vancouver	E. of Russia	C. P. R.	23, Mar.
Vancouver	S. of Japan	C. P. R.	5, Apr.
San Francisco	Tikemban	J. C. J. L.	11, Apr.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S. S.	14, Apr.

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Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Tango M.	N. Y. K.	14, Mar.
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Shanghai	Hopsang	J. M. Co.	1, Feb.
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Hoihow and Haiphong	Sunkiang	B. & S.	2, Feb.
Singapore & Calcutta	Onsang	J. M. Co.	2, Feb.
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Shanghai	Shantung	B. & S.	3, Feb.
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Kobe and Moji	Laisang	J. M. Co.	5, Jan.
Manila	Taisang	J. M. Co.	5, Feb.
Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	5, Feb.
Belawan, Deli (Medan) via S'tow	Van S.	J. C. J. L.	6, Feb.
Sandakan	Mansang	J. M. Co.	8, Feb.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Kneichow	B. & S.	8, Feb.
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Kutsang	J. M. Co.	8, Feb.
Batavia	Tiamdani	J. C. J. L.	9, Feb.
Tientsin	Cahing	J. M. Co.	10, Feb.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Namsang	J. M. Co.	11, Feb.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Tango M.	N. Y. K.	12, Feb.
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Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	12, Feb.
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Batavia	Tikini	J. C. J. L.	16, Feb.
Singapore, Amoy and Swatow	S. Jacob	J. C. J. L.	20, Feb.
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N. Y. K.	Colombo Maru	6,853	Feb. 3	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nellere	6,853	Feb. 4	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nore	6,708	Feb. 5	London
C. P. R.	Monteagle		Feb. 6	Vancouver
J. C. J. L.	Tiamdani		Feb. 7	Java
N. Y. K.	Atanta Maru		Feb. 9	Yokohama
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,574	Feb. 11	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin	6,553	Feb. 12	London
N. Y. K.	Kirin Maru		Feb. 12	Kobe
B. & S.	Kansas	3,935	Feb. 12	New York
J. C. J. L.	Tikini		Feb. 12	Shanghai
N. Y. K.	Aki Maru		Feb. 13	Seattle
N. Y. K.	Kitschi Maru		Feb. 13	Yokohama
P. & O.	Mongara	8,250	Feb. 14	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Tenyo Maru		Feb. 15	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru		Feb. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Jinsen Maru		Feb. 17	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Nippon Maru	11,000	Feb. 19	San Francisco
P. & O.	G. L. & Co.		Feb. 19	London
B. & S.	Taiyuan		Feb. 20	Australia
B. & S.	Glenlogan	3,054	Feb. 20	Australia
P. & O.	Namur	6,701	Feb. 20	London
P. & O.	Novara	6,850	Feb. 24	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Rangoon Maru		Feb. 26	London
N. Y. K.	Tamba Maru		Feb. 26	Kobe
N. Y. K.	Anyo Maru	18,500	Feb. 27	Seattle
P. & O.	Kaga Maru		Mar. 1	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Yokohama Maru		Mar. 2	London
T. K. K.	Shinyo Maru		Mar. 6	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Bombay Maru		Mar. 6	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Bentley Maru		Mar. 8	Bombay
J. C. J. L.	Karimoon		Mar. 9	Calcutta
P. & O.	Nankin	6,853	Mar. 10	Java
N. Y. K.	Nikko Maru		Mar. 11	Yokohama
P. & O.	Malta	6,064	Mar. 11	Australia
G. L. & Co.	Empire		Mar. 16	London
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru		Mar. 16	Australia
P. & O.	Nore	6,703	Mar. 13	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Persia Maru		Mar. 21	Yokohama
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,580	Mar. 24	San Francisco
P. & O.	Novara	6,550	Mar. 24	London
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Arakan	JAVA	8th May. "	12th May. "	do

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Halvard, Nor. ss. 1,056, C. Beck	21st Jan.—Bangkok 13th Jan. Rice—J.C.J.L.			
Laisang, Br. ss. 2,225, F. Mooney	27th Jan.—Singapore, 20th Jan. Gen. J. M. & Co.			
Namsang, Br. ss. 2,591, H. P. Gilroy	27th Jan.—Moji, 16th Jan. Gen.—J.M. & Co.			
Hanyu Maru, Jap. ss. 1,953, K. Tagami	22nd Jan.—Moji, 16th Jan. Coal M.B.G.K.			
E. of Japan, Br. ss. 3,087, F. L. Davidson	24th Jan.—Vancouver, 1st Jan.—C.P.R.			
Shidzuka Maru, Jap. ss. 3,862, M. Tama	24th Jan.—Shanghai, 21st Jan. Gen.—N.Y.K.			
Tamsui, Br. ss. 319, W. G. Cowan	24th Jan.—Swatow, 23rd Jan. Gen.—B. & S.			
Takhybina, Br. ss. 6,525, Culham	24th Jan.—Manila, 21st Jan. Hemp—B. & S.			
Koriana, Br. ss. 2,129, J. Roger	24th Jan.—Shanghai, 21st Jan. Cement—G. & Co.			
Anna, Norw. ss. 1,077, A. Ambur	27th Jan.—Bangkok, 19th Jan. Rice—Wang Lee			
Prometheus, Norw. ss. 1,977, O. Taim	27th Jan.—Bangkok, 19th Jan. Rice—Bing—Z. & Co.			
Glenlogan, Br. ss. 2,399, McGhie	28th Jan.—Singapore, 21st Jan. General—Chinese.			
Dagfin, Norw. ss. 297, A. L. Tait	28th Jan.—Hoihow, 26th Jan. Rice & Pig—Chinese.			
Elar, Br. ss. 2,571, A. G. Pope	28th Jan.—Singapore, 16th Jan. Bulk oil—A. E. Co.			
Portchar, Br. ss. 1,901, 29th January—Shanghai, 27th Jan. Gen.—M.M.				
Cheongsang, Br. ss. 1,822, M. Liddle	28th Jan.—Saigon, 23rd Jan. Rice—J. M. & Co.			

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. ss. ANYO MARU will next leave Hongkong on March 10, 1916.
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The T. K. K. ss. CHITO MARU which sailed from San Francisco on the 31st Dec. 1915 is expected to arrive at this port via Honolulu, Japan, Port & Shanghai on Sunday the 30th instant at 6 a.m.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1916

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

FREIGHT PROBLEMS.

HOW ITALY IS AFFECTED.

January 30, 8.40 p.m.
The difficulties arising from heavy freights and the scarcity of shipping is becoming so acute in Italy, especially in view of the closing of great works for lack of coal, that Baron Mayor, ex-Ambassador at Washington, is going to London to discuss remedies.

SHIPPING DANGERS.

MINES IN THE BAY OF BISCAY.

January 30, 9.40 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Vigo, Spanish vessels arriving report that mines are moored far out in the Bay of Biscay. Two Spanish boats were recently sunk there.

THE U.S. PROPOSALS.

ALLIES TO REPLY JOINTLY.

January 30, 5.20 p.m.
A French wireless message says that the Allies will reply jointly to the proposal of the United States that merchantmen should not carry guns for defence.

ALLOWED TO SAIL.

January 30, 2.40 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at New York says that the Italian liner Verona, which arrived recently with two guns mounted on her stern, has been allowed to sail for Italy, on giving an assurance that her guns were purely for defensive purposes.

PROVISIONING OF TRANSPORTS.

January 30, 5.20 p.m.
Baron Mayor has been appointed Commissary General in England for the provisioning of transports.

MILITARY APPOINTMENT.

January 30, 9.40 p.m.
The Gazette announces that Lieut-Colonel William M. Watson has been appointed temporary Brigadier-General while commanding an Indian Brigade.

THE "TARA".

January 30, 9.40 p.m.
A list received of the survivors of the auxiliary cruiser Tara shows that only ten persons are missing.

GREECE AND THE ALLIES.

AN ENTENTE EXPLANATION.

January 30, 10.10 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Athens, the Entente Legations have communicated to the Press, in order to dissipate the assertions that the Entente desired the mobilisation of the Greek army, a statement that the view of the Entente Powers is that the continuation or discontinuation of mobilisation is a matter for Greece alone to decide.

OCCUPATION OF KARABURNA.

January 30, 11.20 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Salonica, it is authoritatively explained that the occupation of Karaburna was due to the fact that a German submarine was recently within a few miles of the channel leading to Salonica and torpedoed a British transport, thus proving the necessity of policing the coast.

AMERICAN POLICY.

NO TIME-LIMIT FOR GERMANY.

January 30, 2.40 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington says that Mr. Lansing denies that a time limit has been fixed for Germany to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania.
President Wilson is continuing his "Preparedness Campaign" and has emphasised the lack of American merchantmen making the United States dependent on other nations and a cause of friction during the war.

GERMAN NAVAL MISHAP.

TWO DESTROYERS AGROUND.

January 30, 5.20 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen says that two German destroyers are aground south-east of Salzhelm. A German cruiser and trawlers are assisting.

REFLOATED.

January 30, 8.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen states that the German destroyers at Salzhelm have been refloated.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

A BRITISH REPORT.

January 31, 12.35 a.m.
General Sir Douglas Haig reports that there was considerable artillery activity last night about Ypres. Three of our patrols successfully bombed German trenches near Sarre.
There has been artillery work about Fricourt, where the weather is foggy.

MORE ACTIVITY.

January 30, 4.05 a.m.
A Paris communique states:—
We exploded a mine south of the road between Neuville and La Folie, wrecking enemy galleries.
Our artillery destructively bombarded enemy depots south-east of Lens and the camps north of Vimy.
Our batteries between the Somme and the Oise caught bodies of marching troops.
We destroyed a German work near Soupir, annihilating a garrison, and effectively bombarded enemy organisations east of Rheims and at Aspach, in Alsace.

January 30, 4.45 p.m.
Reuter's Paris correspondent states that the Germans attempted another big attack in the Somme region.
A communique says that twice, opposite Dompierre, German infantry were thrown back by an artillery curtain of fire and a rifle fusillade.

THE RUSSIANS.

GERMAN ATTACK SUPPRESSED.

January 31, 12.35 p.m.
A Petrograd communique states that a German attack south of Lake Babit was promptly suppressed.
Mine fighting occurred in the Czernowitz region.
The Russians continue to punish the enemy at Erzurum in Persia, capturing machine guns.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

AFFAIRS IN SZECHUAN.

Cantonese Troops in Kwangsi.

We mentioned on Saturday that we had received an unsolicited telegram, signed "Tong Ki-yao", which stated that the revolutionary party had occupied Suifu in Szechuan on the 20th inst. Advice from Shanghai, received this morning, confirm this statement, adding that the revolutionaries are seeking to get possession of important salt wells at Tze Liu Sing.

Tong Ki-yao, it appears, was formerly a general of the First Division, is about thirty-five years of age and received his military education in Japan where he took high honours in the army schools. He is regarded by his own party as an exceedingly able man, and he has the full confidence of the ultra-republican element. He was made *chüngh chün* of Yunnan early in 1915. The explanation of his signature on Saturday's wire would appear to be that no telegrams are now allowed to leave Yunnan unless they bear his name or seal.

Apart from the fact that the Yunnanese are anxious to secure all sources of revenue in their neighbourhood, their attitude is regarded as rather defensive than offensive. The general feeling is that, in spite of much inconsequent talk, the revolutionary party is at a standstill and is perfectly content to remain so for so long as the coronation of Yuan Shih-kai is postponed. This, so far as we can gather, is the limit of the party's plans, and, outside of it, everything is in a more or less hazy condition. There is a sort of understanding that all the people south of the Yangtze are in favour of a republic being maintained, and that force (on the part of the Central Government) will be met with force. Finances are not organised but there is a belief that the Chinese out of China will contribute swiftly and liberally towards the maintenance

of the republic if necessary. It is thought that the argument most likely to appeal to Yuan Shih-kai will be the sight of Szechuan in the hands of the revolutionists, with Kwangsi, Hupeh, Hunan and possibly Kwangtung ready to follow Yunnan's lead.

The republicans regard as the strongest card in their hand the fact that the Foreign Governments have recognised the republic and are hardly likely to be swayed very readily by Yuan. It is argued that, the moment Yuan Shih-kai makes himself Emperor, he becomes a rebel against law-people south of the Yangtze are fully constituted and recognised authority, and that, for that reason, foreigners could hardly give him their moral support.

Meanwhile over fifteen hundred troops from Canton were arriving at Wuchow last Tuesday and Friday, their further destination being unknown.

SHARE MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Up to the Minute.

Banks.—\$815, buyers.
Canton Insurances.—\$415, buyers.
Douglases.—\$123, buyers.
Indo-China (Combined).—\$188, buyers.
Indo-China (Deferred).—\$139, sellers.
Indo-China (Preferred).—\$51, buyers.
China Sagas.—\$130, buyers.
Ranbs.—\$330, buyers.
West Points.—\$386, buyers.
Shanghai Cottons.—Tls. 884, buyers.
Light and Powers.—\$470, sellers.
Cements.—\$10.20, sales.
Electrics.—\$43, buyers.
Tramways.—\$5.60, sales.
Langkats.—Tls. 374, buyers.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

Engineers Defeat Gunners in Shield Match.

After one of the best games seen at Happy Valley this season, and one which was witnessed by a large crowd, the Royal Engineers qualified to play in the next round of the Hongkong Football Shield Competition by defeating the Royal Garrison Artillery by two goals to nil. The game was played on the Club ground on Saturday afternoon, and was always interesting, and, at times, very exciting. The teams lined up under Mr. Wright as follows:—

Royal Garrison Artillery:—Gibson; Claple and Weekes; Gillespie, Smith and Hanson; Shakespeare, Young man, Lovelock, Swan and Draper.

Royal Engineers:—Bogars; Scott and Corran; Bremmen, Smith and Richards; Townsend, White, Horrope, Wilkinson, and Pearce.

Although set to play against a strong gun the Artillery men were the first to press, and Rogers was lucky to get away the ball from a hard drive. A corner was forced immediately afterwards, but this was not accurately centred and the advantage was lost. Play was confined to the Engineers' quarter for some time, the Artillery forwards being vigorous and forceful in attack. The halves were supporting the forwards with really good work and it seemed as though there would be no difficulty in scoring soon. But the Engineers' backs were playing a really great game, and scores were averted. The forward line of the R.E.'s soon gave evidence that they were capable of doing something better, and on breaking away were on the aggressive for a time. After a few minutes interesting play around the goal Gibson was able to get the ball away. Play was stopped for a few minutes as Pearce had the misfortune to get a nasty blow in the face which necessitated his leaving the field for a time. Following an infringement by one of the R.G.A. defenders, when dangerously near his own goal, the Engineers forced a corner, but this was spoiled by fouling. The Artillery again took up the attack, yet here again they were foiled by the fine display given by the two backs against them. A grand opportunity for the Engineers to open the scoring occurred just here, but Hartopp put the ball just wide of the post. Not to be deterred, the Artillery were again swarming around the Engineers' goal, and the custodian brought off a fine save that received due recognition from the crowd. The pressure was maintained for a long time but eventually the Engineers worked down the field and Pearce sent in a fine shot from the left wing, which Gibson did extremely well to save. There was a well deserved outburst of applause. At the other end, Rogers was called upon to save twice in quick succession. The game was now proceeding at a merry pace the exchanges being decidedly exciting. The interval whistle sounded in the middle of a vigorous attack by the Engineers, in which Rogers again distinguished himself. There was no score at half time.

Immediately on resuming the Engineers took up the attack very strongly. A most beautifully placed corner ought to have brought about a score, an enthusiastic moment in front of the goal ending with the ball going just wide. Again the Engineers forwards came to the attack, and Townsend, who put in a long range shot, had the satisfaction of seeing the goalie only tip it with his fingers and the ball roll into the net. Needless to say

there was quite a demonstration. The registering of the point gave even more pace to the game than before, the Artillery men pressing in a manner that spoke of determination to equalise. The Engineers, however, cheered by their success, assumed the aggressive and Wilkinson must have felt very uncomfortable when he missed a perfectly open goal. Play went from one end to the other and the Garrison men came near to scoring, only the goalie's fine form saving the equaliser. Draper put in a splendid shot, Rogers bringing off a clever save. When attacking the Engineers forwards were always dangerous, and it was during one of the many visits that they paid to their opponents' goal that White put his side father ahead with a hard drive close in. From now until the finish the leaders had the better of matters, and with no more scoring taking place they ran out deserved winners by two goals to nil. With the opportunities presented them the Artillery ought to at least have effected a draw.

Staff and Departments v. Confucians.

Playing in the Second Division of the Hongkong Football League on the Naval Ground on Saturday, Staff and Departments proved too good for the Confucians, winning by six goals to nil. Although so soundly beaten the Chinese team played a fast and clever game, but it was when in front of goal that they failed. In the opening half Davies was the first to score, this point being quickly followed by another by Steels, who had no difficulty in netting from very close range. Davies completed the "hat-trick" before the interval, the Staffs thus crossing over with a lead of four goals. The second half again went in favour of the Staffs, two more goals being added in quick succession. Despite really good efforts on the part of the Confucians they were unable to score and have to be counted unlucky to have been defeated by so large a margin.

CRICKET.

Police v. "Empress" Teams.

The Police on Saturday entertained a team drawn from the "Empress of Russia" and the "Empress of Asia" at Happy Valley in a most enjoyable friendly game. Both teams were evidently in need of practice; in fact, several of the "Empress" men confessed to having but dim recollections of ever having played the game before. However, quite respectable scores were put up, the Police eventually winning by a comfortable margin. Inspector Kent played a very forceful game for the winners, whilst for the losers Mr. Ward gave a pretty exhibition. The scores were:—

Empress of "Russia" and "Asia."
C. H. Grieve, b Grimmer... 4
W. Paul, b Grimmer... 2
F. Ward, c and b Home... 28
W. Tricker, b Grimmer... 1
W. Baxter, run out... 9
J. Ramsay, b Grimmer... 11
A. Tait, b Grimmer... 1
J. Cliff, stumped, b Grimmer... 0
J. Byrne, c and b Kent... 8
S. F. Chubb, not out... 6
W. Cardale, b Grimmer... 0
Extras... 8

Total... 78
Police.
Grimmer, c and b Tricker... 18
Home, b Tricker... 0
Brotherton, c and b Ramsay... 8
Alexander, c Cardale... 5
Ramsay... 27
Eamer, b Ramsay... 4
Kent, b Baxter... 42
Watt, b Ward... 3
Matthews, b Ward... 0
Hall, b Ward... 18
Dorrington, not out... 4
Dorling, b Baxter... 0
Extras... 6
Total... 128

WING ON COMPANY.

Extension of Objects Confirmed.

At the Supreme Court this morning, before the Chief Justice, a petition was presented by Mr. Alabaster, on behalf of the Wing On Company, who asked for the confirmation by the Court of a special resolution of the Company, authorising the alteration of the objects of the Company.

The petitioners stated that the principal objects for which the Company was formed was to take over and carry on the business of the Wing On Company, as Departmental Store keepers and Universal Providers, which had been carried on for about seven years, and the business was taken over by the Company on February 15, 1915. The Company had since carried on the business with considerable success.

At extraordinary general meeting of the Company in October and November of last year it was resolved to do all kinds of business; to establish branches, to enlarge the said businesses; to open branch offices for fire, marine and life insurance, land investment, loan and deposit, shipping and hotel business; to commence any other business which might seem profitable, and to take shares in any other Company or Companies.

The proposed extension of the Company was to enable it to carry on more efficiently, and also to carry on certain businesses and classes of business which, under the existing circumstances, might be conveniently and advantageously combined with the business of the Company.

The business of the Company was at present carried on in Des Voeux Road Central, and Connaught Road Central, and the Company had arranged to acquire additional adjoining premises in the same block. When these premises were taken possession of, the new premises would occupy 17 shops or ground floors, 16 first floors, 15 second floors and 13 third floors. It was intended to carry on the business of Universal Providers principally in the shops on the ground floors, and to use the second and third floors (or some of them) as a hotel. It was also intended to carry on in the same premises the business of insurance of all kinds and land investment loan and deposit and shipping business for which the premises would be well adapted.

The Company had ample working capital and its assets were far more than sufficient to pay all its debts and make good the whole of its paid-up capital, and when the new capital was subscribed the Company would have abundant capital to work its existing businesses and the proposed additional businesses.

The application was granted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

PETITION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I should be much obliged if those British residents who wish to sign the Petition for greater representation will kindly sign it in the course of the next few days.

Lists for signature in Hongkong will be found at the Hongkong Club, and the Phoenix Club, and the Institute of the Engineers and Shipbuilders, and at Messrs. Kelly and Walsh and Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co., and at Quarry Bay, and in Kowloon, at the Cricket Club, Bowling Green Club, Masonic Club, and the Docks.

Yours, etc.,
B. E. COLLOCK.
Princes Buildings, 31st Jan. 1916

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 31 1916.

FROM THE PULPIT.

Dream Disappointed: Vision Verified.

Notes of a sermon preached by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald at the Union Church on Sunday morning.

"It shall be as when a hungry man dreameth, and behold, he eateth: but he awaketh, and his soul is empty." Isaiah 29/8.

"Judah and all the cities thereof shall dwell therein together: For I have satiated the weary soul, and every sorrowful soul have I replenished. Upon this I awaked, and behold, my sleep was sweet unto me." Jer. 31/24.

"He awaketh, and his soul is empty." "I awaked and my sleep was sweet unto me." Dream disappointed: vision verified; such are the respective burdens of these two passages. The one in Isaiah relates to the deliverance of Jerusalem from the hosts of Sennacherib, a stupendous event which left a deeper mark than any other event in Jewish history except the deliverance out of Egypt. The Assyrian had come down "like a wolf on the fold." His mouth was about to close upon the prey. In anticipation the world hunger of the rapacious empire which then enthralled Asia was glutting itself on the little kingdom of the hills. But it proved to be "as when a hungry man dreameth, and behold, he eateth, but he awaketh, and his soul is empty." Such has been the awakening from many a rapacious dream of empire in the course of history. Egypt as well as Jewish records affirm the precipitate return of Sennacherib and the sudden devastation of his enormous host just as he seemed on the point of overwhelming both Egypt and Palestine. The Assyrian tablets themselves record the hasty return, though of course they say nothing about any disaster. A point seems to be reached at which inordinate ambitions over-reach themselves. Overweening war lords brace themselves for some supreme effort so overwhelming that resistance will be useless, but under its weight they themselves totter to ruin on the eve of expected achievement. The expedition of Xerxes against Greece, of the Armada against England and Napoleon in his invasion of Russia are outstanding illustrations. The present war is providing another to rank with these in history. A bid for "world-power" has been made after long and elaborate preparation before which it was expected all resistance would collapse. But God will suffer no man and no nation to bring mankind into subjection. We do well to trace His hand in the frustration of all such too ambitious designs. They were true words which Cromwell spoke to the English Parliament: "What are all our histories but God manifesting Himself, that He hath shaken and tumbled down and trampled upon everything that He hath not planted?" If you would cease to be envious at the arrogant consider their latter end. Ambitions, dominant natures force their ruthless way until some day they attempt the one thing too much. Your unscrupulous speculator makes one venture too many; the demagogue is forced into one bid too bold. Let no one covet the career of the successful self-seeker. He is in search, did he but know it, of what the world cannot give but can certainly take away. But that is just what he does not know, indeed which of us does realize it until life has hammered it into us? The belief that a man can save his life in some other way than by trying it is the first and last dream of humankind. We

seem almost to be born into a dream world, with thirst and hunger always on the verge of being satisfied, till some awakening comes, and then we dream again, unless by God's grace out awakening has been to the hunger and thirst after righteousness which He has provided for in Christ. This is the root disappointment of life, until we come to learn that life is meant to be disappointing in order that we may learn to live. Further, you need not be a grandiose self-seeker to require this life lesson. The absence of ambition may now mean at all that absence of selfishness. When the starving man dreams of a crust his awakening is as disappointing as if he had dreamed of a banquet. Reduce your wants to a crust, and you will still starve if the simplicity of your wants be an expression of your selfishness.

As Napoleon's world-hunger expressed his. I might go in for the "simple life" under pretty much the same motives as my neighbour, say, pursues luxury, viz. to please myself and be happy in my own selfish way. The one is as empty a dream as the other, and whether you are aroused by the steam whistle of civilization or the cock-crow of Arcadia. "It is as when a hungry man dreameth, and behold, he eateth, but he awaketh, and his soul is empty." Turning to the second text we have there no belated city, but a land delivered and comforted, which God watches over. Peace and safety are all around; "For," says the Lord, "I have satiated the weary soul, and every sorrowful soul have I replenished." "Upon this," adds Jeremiah for himself, "I awaked, and my sleep was sweet unto me." Did you ever wake up for sheer joy? joy perhaps of a beautiful dream which was not illusory but true. If so you will understand Jeremiah here, Jeremiah who was imprisoned for lack of patriotism when he spoke unwelcome truth, but who was so overjoyed by a message of good tidings that he dreamt of it by night and woke of it in the morning, refreshed with the refreshing sleep of a happy heart, which needs far less than a heavy one. To touch reality and know that it is good is to awaken into God's world, for, as the 107th Psalm puts it, "He satisfieth the longing soul, and the hungry soul He filleth with food." There are many who complain that their lives have been full of unsatisfied aspirations, and who seem to expect a great deal of sympathy on that account. Yet it is not those whose aspirations have been such that life can satisfy them who are to be pitied? If your pleasures come short and yield far less than one after another they seem to promise, if your work does not content you and you feel it might be bettered at every point, if the horizons of knowledge, the way of usefulness, the paths of righteousness recede and stretch beyond ever as you pursue them what of it? Is it not just that God is teaching you to understand the long discipline of the years guiding you that you may "come into His rest?" the glory of human life lies not in the easy contentment of finite faculties but in the restless heart which can only rest in God, the insatiable spirit which cries out for Him "like as the hart desireth the waterbrook." Your aspirations are yourself, not your attainments as perhaps you suppose, nor your possessions as others may assume. The disappointment of self-centred dreams is given to lead us into the purer longings which take us out of self. These God does not fail to satisfy in the gospel of His grace, which calls us onward to more than as yet we can attain, and which contains in the very inaccessibility of its reaching ideal the promise of fulfilment when the illusions of time are

finally behind us, and we awake into the realm of reality, satisfied "with Thy likeness."

The Rev. A. D. Stewart on Missions.

Notes of a sermon preached at St. John's Cathedral by the Rev. A. D. Stewart yesterday.

In the remarkable discourse which Our Lord made at the end of His life, we find this sentence: "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." Matt. XXIV. 14. This gospel shall be preached, then, shall the end come. Every time there have been outbreaks of war there have been those who thought that the end was at hand but there are two very distinct signs given to us to guide us. . . . There is the wonderful phenomenon in the prophecies of the past coming true before our eyes. What seemed an impossible thing seems likely to come to pass, that is the possibility of the Jews going back to their own land. At present there are numbers of Jews in Egypt and more than ever before in Palestine. God has promised his people that they shall go back to their own land. The Gospel shall be preached in all the land and then shall the end come. There is no need for me to prove this, for it is a fact. The Gospel is being preached in the whole world but there is still a chance for us to do something.

It is being preached and shall be preached and nobody shall stop it. There is still time for us to do something to help forward the great work, so you and I are gathered here together to think about that one thing, the Gospel is being preached and what we can do to help. We can subscribe money to the local funds, but though that is a little thing it is better than nothing. What do we mean by the Church Missionary Association? Some think it is the same as the Church Missionary Society but that is not the case; it might be more correct if it was called the Diocesan Missionary Society. The funds are distributed by a committee formed from the Cathedral congregation and the money is given to various local needs. There is an opportunity this morning to help forward the work. As I have said just now, whether we give or not, it is a very small matter. The gospel will be preached whether we help or not, it is going to be preached and it is not a matter of importance whether we give; but it is a matter of importance to ourselves whether we fail to use our opportunities. We do not want people to give simply out of pity for the heathen, because the work will continue whether we give or not, but it is our opportunity of helping and it has its effect upon us, upon our characters. If we stand on one side and allow work to go forward without taking part, it is going to hurt our characters; let us all be doing something for someone else. In the rush of our lives when we have no time for thinking a quiet time of rest fills us with regrets. When we close against anything or in the middle of anything it is difficult to see it in its right perspective but when we get away for a short time we can see the things that stand out. The day will come when we shall see things in a different light and shall have great regrets. We smile at people who preach about hell fire but worse than the burn of fire is the secret smart and bitter thought of what might have been. Great work is going on all round us and the call to us is to help that work, not because it needs us but for our own sakes because we shall lose so immeasurably by standing aside, loss as regards our own characters and loss of the secret of gladness and happiness. In Luke XV. 3 we have the story of the Good Shepherd who goes out after the lost lamb and when he comes back with it he says "Re-

joice with me for I have found my sheep which was lost." Do you think his friends could rejoice with him after waking up in the morning after a good night's sleep and seeing him who had been out probably all the night? How could they rejoice with him? They could see his gladness but could not rejoice with him, because they had not been with him in his time of stress and anxiety. The old Apostle when he was in prison could rejoice because he had also been out in storm and stress and dangers looking for lost sheep and he had something to rejoice over. We are losing in many ways if we have not found the secret of a happy life in putting ourselves aside to gladden the lives of those around us. I want to refer to the little pamphlet you will find in your pews: for if we are to take an interest in the work it must be an intelligent interest. I wonder if you noticed the leading article in the *Telegraph* last night; there was one sentence which is certainly very true. It expressed the opinion that most opposition is the result of ignorance. It is strange that there are members of this congregation who are ignorant of the work going on around them in this place. Mr. Johnson, the former chaplain of the cathedral, told the story of a lady who told him that she was not going to subscribe to missionary work any more because she had found that the missionaries in Hongkong lived in big houses and spent their time riding bicycles.

She had no idea that the big houses were schools like the Victoria Home housing a hundred Chinese girls. As to the bicycle riding, I think I was the only missionary then who rode a bicycle and I used to ride every day from St. Paul's School to St. Stephen's which is not exactly a ride one would choose for pleasure. A great deal more interest in missionary work is needed. What we want to do is, not to take this pamphlet home and put it away in a drawer, but to pass it round to others; let others know about the work. For me to give a description here of the work would not be much use but you need to come and see it. You can be of real use and value by your sympathies and prayers, and all of us are always only too glad to see visitors. One could tell many stories of what God is doing here amongst the really earnest Christians, but that is not my object here this morning because you can find it out for yourselves. The Gospel shall be preached and nothing shall stop it, it is a chance for us to help and we shall lose if we stand on one side. It is a great comfort to think that it is not the amount of work that we do that counts. The man with the ten talents was not better than the one with five. Some have greater opportunities than others. There is not a single man who has not one talent that he can use in some way, first by intelligent interest and sympathy for the work which leads to prayer. By prayer many men and women are helping forward the Gospel. It is the praying men and women who are helping much more than the talking men and women. We can do this day by day. Take one section of this pamphlet, read it through and turn it into a prayer; by the ten or fifteen minutes that you spend each day doing this you are giving some real help. We can all do something; if we have only one talent we can use it. When the great Master calls us into His presence we shall understand when he says "Enter then into the joy of your Lord." We shall have done something to help.

When he says rejoice with me it will not fall on ears that do not understand. We shall have real joy and nothing that it may have cost us, such as time and leisure, will count for these all fade away. We shall have intense joy in having done something to help forward our Master's work.

RAILWAY THEFTS.

30 Miles of Fencing Stolen.

Before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with being in possession of wire fencing, which had recently been stolen from the Kowloon-Canton Railway embankment, at Hong Nai Ten. The wire was valued at \$20.

A linking stated that he saw the man carrying the wire in two baskets.

Defendant's plea was that he was merely carrying the stuff for someone else.

Albert Blythe, Permanent Way Inspector of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, said the wire was the property of the Company and had been used for fencing.

Sergeant Willis said that about 30 miles of this wire had been stolen. Thieves had even stolen the signal wire, and special men had to be put on to watch.

Mr. Baker, who was present in the interests of the Company, said that it was a very serious matter indeed. The signals had been cut, and it was now impossible to maintain them. Much of the fencing had had to be removed altogether. One man could not take it away.

Sentence of four months' hard labour, and four hours' stocks was passed.

DAY BY DAY.

Cattle for Hongkong. Large quantities of cattle are arriving in Hongkong from the West River. Yesterday the s.s. Tai Ming alone brought 155 heads.

Office Diary. From Messrs. W.G. Humphreys and Co., the local agents, we have received a copy of the 1916 office diary issued by the State Assurance Co., Ltd., of Liverpool. It is a most useful publication and includes a wealth of valuable information to business men.

British Officers on Chinese-Owned River Boats.

We understand that one firm of Chinese shipowners has given way to the request for a \$25 rise demanded by the captains, officers and engineers on the Chinese-owned river boats. Others appear to be still debating the matter. The period allowed to the owners by the Officers' and Engineers' Guilds expires to-night, when, if no satisfactory agreement is arrived at, the officers and engineers will send in their resignations.

SEQUEL TO TRESPASS.

At the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Mr. R. A. Curran, of 22, Leighton Hill Road, claimed from Messrs. Lau Fui and Company, contractors, of 30, Amoy Road, Wanchai, the sum of \$1,000 for damages alleged to have been suffered by plaintiff by defendants' trespass on island lot 232, and remaining portion of island lot 330.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff in \$106.10, with costs.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

The Scholarship founded August 1915, by the President of the Republic of China has been awarded to Mr. Li Sang, a candidate from Queen's College.

Cash prizes of \$100 each have been awarded to She Shun-tai, Li Sang, Ho Kwok-leung (Queen's College), Ong Shing-hing and Ho Chai-Koon (Singapore).

SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. A. D. Anderson & Co.'s Weekly Share Circular Shanghai, 22nd January, says—

The house has again had a fairly busy week owing to the steadying of the London Rubber market arresting the fall in our local Rubber-share values, and these shares have absorbed the attention of the market to the exclusion of practically all other securities. A few transactions were made among the Cottons, and Langkats have attracted some notice. It is generally held that the near approach of China New Year is exercising a quietening effect on the market, but we think that this effect, if it exists, is over-estimated. General Securities show little or no change from last week. To-day's opening rate for T/T on London was 2/7½; the dollar rate being 7.27.

Debentures.—Gas 6 per cent. sold at par. Telephone 6 per cent. at 4 premium, and Land Investment 6 per cent. of several issues at rates given on the last page. There is some demand for Municipals and strangely enough buyers insist on 8 per cent issues in preference to 5½ per cent. at rates showing an equivalent return.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai. Only one sale was reported, several small buyers having bid up the price to \$350. Cathays. Several sales of Ordinary took place at 2.65 and more could be placed, while Preference are wanted at 8.70 and 9½ was paid for the combined shares.

Insurance.—Unions are wanted at \$980, but Yangtzes and North Chines offer in small lots at quotation.

Docks and Engineerings.—Shanghai changed hands in fairly-sized lots at 80 with a subsequent sale at 80½. New Engineerings show an improvement to 10 without any business being reported.

Land and Hotels.—Anglo-French are still wanted at 106. Investments, after sales at 106 offer at that and 105½ was quoted for one transaction. Centrals still wanted at \$7.

Cotton Mills.—At the Kung Yik meeting, the chairman remarked "prices still leave good deal to be desired, and your General Managers view the outlook for the future with concern." However, it would seem that a good deal of the profit made during the last six months in rubber is being invested in Cottons, with the result that prices are fairly well sustained for the present.

Industrials.—Langkats have remained steadily between the 35 and 37 marks, closing with buyers at 37; the enhanced output mentioned last week has not been maintained. Sumatras fetched 135 for several small parcels and that price is still offered.

Rubbers.—Prices steadied in consonance with the London produce market and at close show a tendency to rise. Most of our local companies have now assured themselves of a good dividend for 1916, by forward sales. Batu Anas. An interim of 5 per cent is payable on 15th proximo. A similar dividend is payable on the same date.

Miscellaneous.—Constructions improved to 92. Telephones sold at 97 and offer. Culiys fetched 18 and Mercurys 25.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS. The P. & O. s.s. NAMUR left Singapore for this Port on the morning of the 30th January, with the outward freight. Mulla and is due here on the 4th Feb., at about 4 p.m.

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LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

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No Claim will be recognised after the goods have left the steamer or Godown.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be landed into the Godown, where they will be examined on 7th February at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be recognised if filed after 13th February 1916.

THE STABBING AFFAIR.

Deceased Man's Dying Depositions.

The hearing of the charge of murder against two men in connection with the recent stabbing affair on the s.s. Ping Sney was continued before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court this morning. Mr. Denney and Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the defendants.

His Worship read the dying deposition of the deceased, which stated that he was a clothes seller at Singapore, and that he left there by a Blue Funnel boat on January 21. The two defendants were on board and, when nearing Hongkong, he asked the first man for the \$3 he owed him. Defendant refused to pay and struck him with his fist. The second man also struck him with his fist and then stabbed him with the knife. Both then ran away.

An interpreter at the Water Police Station put in the statements made by the defendants. The first said he had a fight with the deceased, and the second stated that he went to separate them.

A boarding house runner who was on the ship said deceased asked the first defendant for \$3, but the latter said he had no money. A fight then ensued, during which the first defendant used a knife and stabbed deceased once. Witnesses went up to separate them and received a stab through his three coats and trousers. The second defendant was assisting the first man in striking the deceased. The case was again adjourned.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

UNION WATERBOAT CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Eleventh Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Limited, on Monday the 14th February 1916 at Noon for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1915.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to 14th February both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD. General Managers. Hongkong, 31st January, 1916.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

s.s. "PERSEA MARU"

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU JAPAN PORTS, AND SHANGHAI.

The above named steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bill of Lading for counter-signature, and to take delivery of cargo from the Godown.

Cargo remaining undelivered on 1st February, at 5 p.m. will be charged landing charges. Storage charges will be assessed on all goods remaining undelivered on 5th February at Noon.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

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QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

His Excellency on China's Weaknesses.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry May, K.O.M.G.) presented the prizes at the annual prize distribution at Queen's College to-day at noon, a function which passed off with every success. The large hall was practically filled with pupils, and among those also present were Lady May, Sir Charles Elliot, the Hon. Mr. Cland Severn (Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Lander), Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of Education), Mr. R. E. Bellino, Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of Schools), Mr. T. K. Dealy (Headmaster), Mrs. Ralphs, Mr. Ho Koon-tung, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, the Rev. C. W. I. Martin, and Mr. R. Ponsonby.

The Headmaster's Report. The report, read by the Headmaster, was as follows:—

Attendance.—The total number of scholars enrolled during the year ended 31st December last was 813. The average daily attendance was 486—two less than in the previous year. The highest attendance was reached in March with a daily attendance of 413; these latter figures point significantly to the fact that China New Year still holds its importance with the vast majority of the population. There is still more irregularity of attendance than in the past, with the accomplishment of good school work; and, at the expense of being thought persistent, I would again call the serious attention of parents, relatives and guardians concerned to this grave matter. A boy's time in school should not be interfered with, except under the most serious circumstances, and after very careful consideration.

Finance.—School fees brought in \$27,485, and refunds of salaries \$33,559, which gives a total revenue of \$28,318.59. The gross expenditure was \$33,376.16. The net cost to the Government, exclusive of the maintenance of the building, was \$60,057.57. Full and half fee scholars and student interpreters imply a loss to revenue in the shape of remitted fees, of no less than \$2,735. The average annual cost per scholar was \$123.58.

Staff.—Mr. Crook acted as Headmaster for a brief period before Mr. Grant's accidental belated return in September, and Mr. Grant from that date until his resignation in March. Messrs. de Martin and de Bona are still acting as Postal Clerks. Mr. R. E. O. Bird was promoted on January 1, 1915, to the Headmastership of the Ellis Kadoorie School, the latter school's undoubted gain in our equally undoubted loss. It is, however, some consolation to feel that Mr. Bird's new school is one of the leaders of our own upper school. In June, Mr. L. Forster was transferred temporarily to the Victoria British School. Mr. W. L. Handyside, a new arrival from home, joined the staff on August 15. Mr. P. Inglis, on September 16 last, was appointed Visiting Master for a short time. Towards the end of December he resigned this appointment on leaving the Colony; he has been succeeded in this work by Mr. W. F. Kington. Mr. R. J. Birbeck was on vacation leave from the end of March to the middle of November. Other changes in the staff during the past financial year are noted at length in Table 7.

Results of Class Examinations.—The examination of Full Class IA, as well as that of Class 2, both full and commercial sections, was conducted by the University of Hong Kong, entry fees being paid by the Government. For Matriculation, 29 candidates from Full Class IA sent in entry forms, out of only 19 actually sat; of these, 2 got honours, 9 a simple Pass, 4 were awarded Senior Local Certificates, and 4 failed to get any award. These results, while not equal to those of the previous year, cannot be considered satisfactory. The four absolute failures were the only boys who came down in English; the remainder of the most difficult subject, the Chinese, were all successful.

One of the four, Ha Kwok-leung, splendidly retrieved his position, by passing Matriculation with Honours in December. For the Junior Hong Kong Local, 83 boys actually entered from Full Class 2A and the three sections of Commercial Class 2; only 74 really sat for the examination as a whole; and, of those, only 17, or 23 per cent., satisfied the Examiners. This was a veritable debacle. A close study of the mark sheets shows that the outstanding weakness was in English. Naturally, each subject master regards his own particular branches of study as of paramount importance. For some time, it has been thought that an undue proportion of time was given to vernacular studies and to translations. Adjustments and accommodations have been, and are still in process of being made, so as to strengthen the English side of the work, without unduly weakening the Chinese side. Less time is also given to mathematical branches in the Remove Classes, and the time so gained allotted to English subjects, the ultimate object in view being the achievement of better junior results in the future. As a further insurance against weak boys passing the highest classes, in the current year 50 per cent. will be adopted as the pass limit throughout the school instead of in the Remove and the Lower Classes only, as was the case last year. Total (1915) examined at Q. C. and at the University, 496; passes, 376; percentage, 80. Total (1914), examined, 475; passes, 412; percentage, 87. The results of the shorthand examination held by Mr. Young were very disappointing. We have on the regular staff, no one properly qualified to teach shorthand; but a special Visiting Master now controls this difficult subject; and, from the beginning of next term, is to have entire charge of it. Better results should accordingly be obtained at our next annual examination. Hygiene, as a distinct subject, has now disappeared from our curriculum. It is taught in the Remove Classes through the valuable medium of object lesson, and elsewhere as it crops up, in connection with English subjects, and in connection with physics.

Building and Equipment.—The present equipment of the physics laboratory has been the admiration of at least one interested visitor. A barograph has been added to our stock of meteorological instruments. Under the guidance of Mr. Crook, boys each day, Sundays and holidays included, take readings for rainfall—the rain-gauge being placed on the roof—as well as barometric and thermometric readings, all of which are charted daily; the results being exhibited outside the Clerk's Office. This furnishes valuable training of a kind which will not give much show on paper, but which undoubtedly adds to a boy's mental equipment, broadens his views, and at least enables him to read and correctly interpret certain columns in the newspaper which would otherwise be unintelligible to him. The valuable habits of regularity and accuracy are also thereby formed and cultivated.

Athletics.—In this section, of our work, our boys have shown their prowess in many directions. In May last, three of our students, Toi Man-ying, Ho Kin-fan, and Shiek Pung-chang, represented Hong Kong at Shanghai, in the Far Eastern Athletic Games, in Swimming, Volley Ball and Football respectively. Four Q. C. students also accompanied the team from Hong Kong to take part in the games. Our seven athletes returned to the Colony with 31 medals. At the swimming sports of the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Federation, in October, our representatives carried off the largest number of prizes. At our own aquatic sports, the invitation team race, open to all schools in the Colony, was keenly contested between five teams, including that from Queen's College, and was won by the latter named team. The trophies for this event, the Queen's Shield, were won by our team. The trophy for the 100 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 3,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 6,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 12,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 25,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 51,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 102,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 204,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 409,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 819,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,638,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 3,276,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 6,553,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 13,107,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 26,214,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 52,428,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 104,857,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 209,715,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 419,430,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 838,860,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,677,721,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 3,355,443,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 6,710,886,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 13,421,772,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 26,843,545,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 53,687,091,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 107,374,182,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 214,748,364,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 429,496,729,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 858,993,459,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,717,986,918,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 3,435,973,836,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 6,871,947,673,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 13,743,895,347,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 27,487,790,694,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 54,975,581,388,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 109,951,162,777,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 219,902,325,555,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 439,804,651,110,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 879,609,302,220,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,759,218,604,441,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 3,518,437,208,883,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 7,036,874,417,766,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 14,073,748,835,532,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 28,147,497,671,065,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 56,294,995,342,131,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 112,589,990,684,262,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 225,179,981,368,524,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 450,359,962,737,049,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 900,719,925,474,099,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,801,439,850,948,198,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 3,602,879,701,896,396,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 7,205,759,403,792,793,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 14,411,518,807,585,587,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 28,823,037,615,171,174,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 57,646,075,230,342,348,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 115,292,150,460,684,697,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 230,584,300,921,369,395,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 461,168,601,842,738,790,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 922,337,203,685,477,580,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,844,674,407,370,955,161,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 3,689,348,814,741,910,323,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 7,378,697,629,483,820,646,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 14,757,395,258,967,641,292,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 29,514,790,517,935,282,585,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 59,029,581,035,870,565,171,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 118,059,162,071,741,130,342,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 236,118,324,143,482,260,684,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 472,236,648,286,964,521,369,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 944,473,296,573,929,042,739,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,888,946,593,147,858,085,478,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 3,777,893,186,295,716,170,956,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 7,555,786,372,591,432,341,913,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 15,111,572,745,182,864,683,827,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 30,223,145,490,365,729,367,654,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 60,446,290,980,731,459,735,308,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 120,892,581,961,462,919,470,617,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 241,785,163,922,925,838,941,235,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 483,570,327,845,851,677,882,470,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 967,140,655,691,703,355,764,940,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,934,281,311,383,406,711,529,921,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 3,868,562,622,766,813,423,058,843,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 7,737,125,245,533,626,846,117,686,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 15,474,250,491,067,253,692,235,372,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 30,948,500,982,134,507,387,470,745,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 61,897,001,964,269,014,774,941,491,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 123,794,003,928,538,029,549,882,982,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 247,588,007,857,076,059,099,765,964,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 495,176,015,714,152,118,199,531,931,929,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 990,352,031,428,304,236,398,363,863,859,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,980,704,062,856,608,472,796,727,727,718,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 3,961,408,125,713,216,945,593,455,455,436,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 7,922,816,251,426,433,891,186,910,910,873,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 15,845,632,502,852,867,782,373,821,821,747,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 31,691,265,005,705,735,564,747,643,643,494,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 63,382,530,011,411,471,129,495,287,287,988,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 126,765,060,022,822,942,258,990,574,574,977,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 253,530,120,045,645,884,517,981,149,149,955,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 507,060,240,091,291,769,035,962,298,298,910,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,014,120,480,182,583,538,071,924,596,596,820,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 2,028,240,960,365,167,077,043,848,119,119,641,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 4,056,481,920,730,334,154,086,696,238,238,283,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 8,112,963,841,460,668,308,172,372,476,476,566,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 16,225,927,682,921,336,616,344,944,952,952,112,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 32,451,855,365,842,673,232,688,888,904,904,225,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 64,903,710,731,685,346,464,177,777,808,808,451,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 129,807,421,463,370,692,928,355,555,616,616,902,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 259,614,842,926,741,381,856,711,111,223,223,804,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 519,229,685,853,482,763,702,222,222,446,446,609,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,038,459,371,705,965,526,404,444,444,892,892,121,200 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 2,076,918,743,411,931,052,808,888,888,178,178,242,400 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 4,153,837,486,823,862,104,177,777,777,356,356,484,800 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 8,307,674,973,647,724,208,355,555,555,712,712,969,600 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 16,615,349,947,295,448,416,711,111,111,142,142,193,920 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 33,230,699,894,590,896,832,142,142,142,284,284,387,840 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 66,461,399,789,181,792,164,284,284,284,568,568,775,680 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 132,922,799,578,363,584,328,568,568,568,1136,1136,1551,360 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 265,845,599,156,726,116,656,1136,1136,1136,2262,2262,3102,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 531,691,198,313,452,232,1312,1312,1312,4524,4524,6204,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,063,382,396,626,904,464,2624,2624,2624,9048,9048,12408,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 2,126,764,793,253,808,928,5248,5248,5248,18096,18096,24816,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 4,253,529,586,507,616,1856,10496,10496,10496,36192,36192,49632,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 8,507,059,173,015,232,37184,37184,37184,72384,72384,99264,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 17,014,118,346,030,464,74368,74368,74368,144768,144768,198528,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 34,028,236,692,060,928,148736,148736,148736,289536,289536,397056,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 68,056,473,384,121,856,297472,297472,297472,579072,579072,794112,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 136,112,946,768,243,712,594944,594944,594944,1158144,1158144,1588224,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 272,225,893,536,487,424,1189888,1189888,1189888,2316288,2316288,3176448,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 544,451,787,072,974,848,2379776,2379776,2379776,4632576,4632576,6352896,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 1,088,903,574,148,1796,4759552,4759552,4759552,9265152,9265152,12705792,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. The trophy for the 2,177,807,148,296,3593,951,951,951,18530304,18530304,25411584,720 yards race, won by the Victoria British School, was also won by our team. 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GREECE AND THE ALLIES.

January 29, 3.30 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Salonica states that marines from British, French, Russian and Italian warships in harbour at day-break on the 25th inst. landed on the Karaburnu Peninsula and occupied a Greek fort and garrison without being resisted.

THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SERBIAN ARMY.

January 29, 3.05 a.m.

A Paris communiqué says that the withdrawal of the Serbian army from Albania continues most orderly. An Austrian advance guard has reached San Giovanni de Medua, but guns, munitions and material left there by the Serbians have been removed by French trawlers and taken to Brindisi.

The retirement of the Serbians has been favoured with better weather and by bridges which the British Mission has constructed over the principle rivers and also by depots for food which have been organised along the roads. The embarkation of Serbian troops continues regularly.

The situation at the front for the Bulgarians has been unchanged for a month. A Bulgarian detachment occupies Dibra and a reserve brigade occupies Struga, north of Lake Ochrida.

AMERICA AND SUBMARINE WARFARE.

January 29, 4.20 a.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at New York, it is stated that Mr. Lansing's Note to the Belligerents on the subject of submarine warfare declares that armed merchantmen may be denied entry into American ports except on the same conditions as warships, unless the Powers accept the proposals of the United States, which, while regarding the destruction of merchantmen without warning and removing of passengers and crew safely as contrary to humanity, considers that a belligerent should not be deprived of the right to use submarines.

Mr. Lansing considers that the introduction of submarine warfare has changed the status of armed merchantmen, as the defensive powers of submarines is limited, even against light guns. Therefore, it is right that merchantmen should carry armaments, though legally doubtful.

January 29, 4.20 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at New York states that the formula which Mr. Lansing proposes the belligerents should adopt on the subject of submarines, is as follows:—

1. That a non-combatant be entitled to travel by sea in belligerent merchantmen and to rely on the rules of International Law and those of humanity.
2. That merchantmen of any nationality shall not be subject to attack without warning.
3. That belligerent merchantmen should promptly obey the order to heave to.
4. That a merchantman should not be attacked unless the merchantman, resists, and the attack must cease when flight or resistance ceases.
5. Sinking is only justifiable when it is impossible to supply a prize crew or to convey the merchantman and passengers and crew must be removed safely.

January 29, 1.20 p.m.

Reuter's Washington correspondent states it is strongly reiterated that President Wilson's speech was directed to Germany, who have been informed they must disavow the sinking of the Lusitania.

January 29, 1.20 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that President Wilson has given Germany till February 5 to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania.

ANOTHER GERMAN LIE EXPLODED.

January 28, 6.05 p.m.

The Press Bureau publishes correspondence between the American Ambassador at Berlin and Sir Edward Grey with reference to the German Note regarding the alleged cruelties inflicted by British and Indian troops on German prisoners. Sir Edward Grey's reply shows that full investigation by the Commanders of British and Indian Corps have proved the allegations to be without foundation. On the contrary, British and Indian soldiers heroically rescued German wounded and treated them most humanely.

THE FEARED LOSS OF THE APPAM.

January 29, 1.20 p.m.

It is stated that there were German prisoners from the Cameroons on board the Appam.

January 29, 3.05 p.m.

There is no further news of the liner Appam.

THE CLOSING OF MUSEUMS.

January 29, 1.20 p.m.

Letters published protesting against the closing of the museums include one from Lord Morley who says that the National History Museum is one of the places which Overseas visitors most wish to see. Closing it for the sake of a few hundred pounds is a singular example of perversity.

SWEDISH STEAMER HELD UP.

January 29, 1.20 p.m.

The Foreign Office announces that a search made on the Swedish steamer, Stockholm, shows that the cargo includes 142 tons of meat, originally entered on the manifest, but subsequently deleted indicating that fraud was intended.

IMPORTATION OF LUXURIES.

January 29, 1.20 p.m.

It is stated that pineapples, peaches, nectarines and plums are included in the list of prohibited fruits; also dried fruits. The prohibition of the import of tinned fruits will be considered.

LORD DERBY'S RECRUITING.

January 29, 3.05 p.m.

Notices have been posted calling on Lord Derby's groups of eleven, twelve, and thirteen, on February 2.

MORE GROUPS CALLED UP.

January 28, 7.10 p.m.

Official notices are being printed calling up eight more of Lord Derby's groups, namely, ten to seventeen inclusive.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN LOSSES.

(British Foreign Office Telegram.)

January 28, 5.00 p.m.

Mr. Hilaire Belloc, the famous military critic, discussing German losses, says:—"The official figures given by the German Government of the losses in the casualty lists up to and including those of November 30, but, excluding losses at sea, give a total of just over two and a half millions. These lists do not include losses from disease, save deaths from disease. They do not refer, upon an average, to a later date than the early days of October, and certain features in them point to their incompleteness.

For instance, we find that, in individual lists periodically issued, over six hundred thousand are accounted for as dead, but official German totals give barely more than five hundred thousand, and the small proportion if wounded as compared dead clearly indicates the omission of many light cases. Again the figures set down for deaths from disease are manifestly misleading. They can only refer to some particular category, such as deaths in base hospitals or deaths from a particular set of diseases. We know that this is the case, because the figures given are actually less than half the death rate from disease among men of military age during peace time.

"The number of German prisoners in the hands of the various Allies further proves that the figures for missing are insufficient, allowing, as one must, a considerable margin for missing who are not prisoners but deserters or dead. The total losses to the German Empire alone up to the date in question—November 30—and not to the early days of October, to which, at the latest, the official German figures refer, are, upon every line of evidence, somewhat over four millions. Of these, however, close upon a million must have returned to service after recovery from wounds or sickness, and we may set the total loss of fighting men from the forces of the German Empire, to November 30, as not less than three and a quarter million, and more probably three and half or even over."

Later Mr. Belloc says that now, after a delay of more than three months, it is possible to establish from German casualty lists themselves the extent of the catastrophes suffered by the German armies during the great blows delivered upon them in the British offensive in Champagne at the end of last September. It will be remembered that the enemy put forward the obviously untenable claim that the main shock of this offensive was met in Champagne by no more than a Division; say of a full strength of twenty thousand men. This statement carried no weight and has deservedly been forgotten but it is remarkable how much greater his losses were even than was, at the moment, the Allied estimate of them. Highest of such estimates made by the victors upon that occasion put the enemy losses at some two hundred and forty thousand.

So far we can already discover, from German lists alone, that the loss was close on three hundred thousand men, excluding all cases of shock, sickness, etc. necessarily arising in large numbers from so intense an action. We must further remark upon the delays in the publication of German lists, and their consequent incompleteness. Even during the third month after the action, the Infantry lists alone include twelve thousand names checked and admitted after so great a lapse of time; and this fourth month after the action—January—still is providing us with new names in the lists. It will probably be found, when the history of the war is written, that, counting all casualties, the enemy suffered no less than three hundred and fifty thousand losses in those memorable days.

FOR SERVICES IN GALLIPOLI.

January 28, 5.00 p.m.

The names of those mentioned by Sir Ian Hamilton for services in Gallipoli occupied seventeen pages of the Gazette, of which four, pages were "Annexes." The names include all ranks and all arms, Indians and Naval men. Among them are Lieut. General Sir B. T. Mahon, K.C.V.O., C.B., D.S.O., Sir W. L. Birdwood, K.C.S.I., C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O. and Major General the Hon. J. H. G. Byng, K.C.B., M.G., C.B., M.V.O.; E. A. Aitken, C.B., C.M.G.; F. J. Davies, C.B.; F. S. Ingfield, C.B., D.S.O.; W. Douglas, C.B., D.S.O.; G. G. A. Egerton, C.B.; W. E. Peyton, C.V.O., C.B., D.S.O.; F. C. Shaw, C.B.; G. F. Elliot, C.B.; H. D. Fanshawe, C.B.; W. B. Marshall, W.P. Braithwaite, C.B.; F. S. Maude, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; R. C. B. Lawrence and Sir A. J. Godley, K.C.M.G., C.B.

AMERICA'S LAST WARNING.

January 28, 5.00 p.m.

At a banquet President Wilson delivered an important speech, making a strong plea for military preparedness in the United States. He emphasised how he had struggled to keep peace, but the liberty and honour of the nation were more important. He admitted that in his Message to Congress he had said the need for preparedness was not pressing, but he had learned much in the meantime. Americans had a deep-seated passion for peace, but they were ready to fight at any time for the vindication of their character and honour. They would at no time cravenly avoid a contest. They would rather surrender territory than ideals. He desired to emphasise that the circumstances of the world to-day are not what they were yesterday; "I cannot tell you what the international relations of the United States will be to-morrow; I use the word literally, and I dare not keep silent and let the country suppose that to-morrow is certain to be as bright as to-day. America will not be the aggressor, but America does not control the circumstances of the world. We must be sure that we are the faithful servants of those things we love, and be ready to defend them."

At Washington correspondents regard the speech as a last warning to Count Bernstorff that Germany must give satisfaction for the sinking of the Lusitania.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

January 28, 5.10 p.m.

A Paris communiqué states that the French repulsed two German attempted attacks in Artois. The French guns exploded an ammunition depot at Palselaine.

January 28, 12.10 a.m.

A British communiqué states that late yesterday afternoon, under cover of heavy rifle, machine gun and artillery fire, the enemy attempted an infantry attack on the salient of our trenches to the north-east of Loos. The attack was driven back by our fire. Last night the enemy was active with rifle and artillery fire to the east of Armentières. Our artillery retaliated. To-day the enemy exploded a mine at Fricourt and another to the east of Givenchy; no damage was done. We sprung a mine to the east of Givenchy. Hostile artillery is most active against our trenches north of Armentières and north of La Bassée and on the canal east of Armentières and north of Wytschaete. We retaliated, damaging hostile trenches in many places.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTOR.

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Sealed Tenders will be received at the Headquarters Office, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, until 12 o'clock noon on the 24th day of February, 1916, for Indian Supplies.

Forms and other particulars may be obtained personally between the hours of 10 a.m. or by letter to the D.A.D. of Supplies and Transport, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong.

Tender Forms must be properly filled up, signed and dated, and no tender will be considered unless made out on the proper form and delivered by 12 noon on the above date in a closed envelope marked "Tender for Indian Supplies." Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 as a guarantee of good faith. Such sum to be forfeited to the State if the Tenderer refuses to accept a Contract allotted to him, or to attend at Headquarters Office when called upon.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Company will in pursuance of the power reserved to it by Clause 2 of the conditions endorsed on the above in series redeem the debentures the numbers of which are set out underneath at the expiration of six months from the date of this notice, that is to say on the first day of August 1916 at which date all principle and interest will be paid on presentation and surrender of the debentures in question at the Company's Bankers, the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The holders of such debentures are requested to present such debentures for payment accordingly, together with all coupons attached thereto to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on the 1st day of August 1916 for payment.

Dated this 29th day of January 1916.

By order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART
Acting Secretary.

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3	206	491	750	994	1267
18	207	493	752	999	1274
27	303	494	753	1003	1278
31	301	495	773	1006	1282
40	303	517	786	1017	1297
45	312	524	804	1021	1306
49	3	543	805	1024	1318
57	3	543	825	1041	1348
59	324	530	836	1044	1353
65	323	551	838	1048	1356
68	335	553	843	1057	1366
78	3	553	846	1079	1367
80	337	554	848	1081	1375
82	346	555	853	1083	1402
91	356	559	869	1093	1411
123	363	572	869	1097	1414
132	370	575	874	1105	1414
148	375	591	876	1118	1427
153	387	600	884	1117	1429
179	389	620	915	1120	1431
185	389	624	920	1135	1448
187	402	925	925	1119	1453
211	412	938	933	1151	1462
233	417	939	938	1153	1470
239	425	949	945	1178	1473
240	427	955	947	1186	1473
241	434	977	949	1193	1487
243	442	701	955	1215	1481
244	445	7	957	1218	1498
247	447	712	976	1227	1497
252	454	713	973	1229	
255	457	744	981	1231	
257	457	745	983	1241	
273	473	746	990	1242	

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the above NUMBERED DEBENTURES were drawn on Saturday the 2nd January 1916 for redemption on 1st August next as per notice.

The Company is prepared to purchase any of the above drawn debentures before 1st August next on the first day of any intervening month between this date and date of expiration as set forth in such notice.

By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Acting Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd. on Tuesday 1st February, 1916, at 12.15 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1915.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 20th Jan. to TUESDAY 1st February 1916 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors
E. BRUCE SHEPHERD,
Acting Secretary.

HONGKONG, 13th January, 1916.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-eighth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd. on Tuesday 1st February 1916 at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1915. The Register of shares of the Company will be closed from Thursday 20th January to Tuesday 1st February 1916 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Secretary.

HONGKONG, 13th January, 1916.

REMOVAL NOTICE

We have this day removed our offices to Third Floor, Queen's Buildings (late premises of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.)

THORSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1916.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG GENERAL ESTATE LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited, on Tuesday, 1st February, 1916, at 11.45 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1915.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 27th January to TUESDAY 1st February, 1916 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
The Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Secretary to the General Managers,
Hongkong, 13th January, 1916.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited, on TUESDAY, 1st February, 1916 at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY the 2nd January to TUESDAY 1st February, 1916, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Limited.

General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Limited,
Hongkong, 13th January, 1916.
CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.

HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 15th February, 1916, 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to 15th February, 1916, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 25th January, 1916.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

BOXING.

Subject to sufficient entries being received, an Amateur Boxing Competition open to Hongkong will be held in the Gymnasium of the V.R.C. on Friday, February 25th.

Conditions: (a) 3 two-minute rounds. If undecided an extra round of one minute.

(b) In 3 weights: 118 lbs., 132 lbs. and 146 lbs.

(c) Competitors weigh in at V.R.C. on night of February 24th.

Entries Stating weight to be addressed to J. Deakin Esq. c/o V.R.C. before February 15th. No Entrance Fee.

No Competition if less than 18 entries.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse entries.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Secretary.

HONGKONG, 13th January, 1916.

Our Sale has left us with a few Items

OF

COLD SEASON STOCK

WHICH WE PARTICULARLY WISH TO CLEAR.

THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT HALF PRICE

From Monday January 31st & February 5th.

G1	Boys' three suits consisting of Three Garments, Coat, Waistcoat and Trousers. Usual Price \$12.50 13.00 13.50 14.00 14.50 Etc. According to Size.
G2	Men's Dressing Gowns. Usual Price \$16 00
G3	Men's Leather Belts with Rings, Stout wearing Quality. Usual Price \$1.00 Each.
G4	Men's White Cotton Gloves. Usual Price 40 cts. Pair.
G5	Men's coloured cashmere Socks in Plain and Fancy Striped Effects. Usual Price \$1.00 Pair.
G6	A lot of Men's Tweed Overcoats in Serviceable Dark Colourings. Usual Price \$12 00 \$16 00
G7	White Pique Dress Waistcoats, shopsoiled. Usual Price \$4.25 \$3.50.
G8	Men's Sock Suspenders the Universal and Easy Catch. Usual Price 40 50 cts.
X1	Desk Blotting Pads Complete with Blotting paper. Size 18 by 11 ins. Price 90 Cts. Each.
X2	Photo Frames. Usual Price 60 Cents 2.25 Each.
X3	Metal Cigarette Cases. Usual Price 35 60 Cents Each.
X4	Leather Wrist Straps for Gent's Watches. Usual Price 35 Cents.
X5	Self Inking Stamp Pads. Usual Price 35 40 75 Cents
X6	D'Orrays Dentifrice Powder. Usual Price 85 Cents.
X7	Junots Poudre de Riz. Usual Price 65 Cents
X8	Military Hair Brushes in Leather Cases. Price \$2.25 \$3.75
X9	Eau Dentifrice by D'Orrays. Usual Price 90 Cents.

WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW & Co., Ltd.

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AN IDEAL DRINK FOR SUMMER MONTHS

WHITEAWAY'S CYDER

SWEET OR DRY.

As supplied to all the leading London Hotels and Clubs, such as the Savoy, Claridge's, the Berkeley, Trocadero, Hyde Park, Royal Automobile, Raleigh and Conservative Clubs.

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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Bread is made from the Best Quality Flour only and can be obtained and orders taken at ALL WEE'S DAIRY, 31 Peking Road, ON LEE, Compradore, Haiphong Road, HUNG CHEN-NG, Compradore, Haiphong Road, KWONG FOOK, Compradore, Haiphong Road, KWONG YUEN MOW, Compradore, Haiphong Road, LIM KEE, Compradore, Macao.

Orders may be left with the above for any of our products. We put up absolutely the Best. Tiffins and Dinners—a new Menu for Each Meal. Price one Dollar Each, or 30 Meals for \$20.00 good for any meal or 4 1/2 Carts up to 75 Cents.

We Guarantee every thing put up and Sold by the Alexandra Cafe to be of first Class Quality. Try our own make Pork Sausages and Pork Pies, Pure Java Coffee Roasted and G.O. and Daily and put up in 1 lb. Tins at 75 Cents. We give you a Splendid Cup of Lipton's Tea. Minerals and soft drinks of every description. Just give us a Trial and you will be more than Satisfied.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE

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THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1883

MANUFACTURERS OF

PURE MANILA ROPE

8 STRAND	CABLE LAID	4 STRAND
3/4 to 1 1/2"	5" to 15"	3" to 10"
CIRCUMFERENCE	CIRCUMFERENCE	CIRCUMFERENCE

Oil Drilling Cables of any size up to 3,000 feet in length.

Prices, Samples and full particulars will be forwarded on application.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

North British & Mercantile Insurance Company.

in which are vested the assets of THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE COMPANY.

(TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1914) £23,970,367

1. Authorized Capital—£6,000,000

Subscribed Capital—£4,000,000

Paid-up Capital—£2,437,500

II—Fire Funds—£3,537,047

III—Life and Annuity Funds—£1,567,230

Sinking Fund Account—£128,230

Revenue Fire Branch—£2,381,576

Life and Annuity—£2,141,553

Branches—£37,239

Marine Department—£128,940

Other Receipts—£128,940

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested and by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's business.

Yorkshire Insurance Co., Ltd.

ESTABLISHED 1884

The Undersigned AGENTS for

the above Company are prepared

to ACCEPT RISKS against

FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., AGENTS.

THE HONGKONG & WHAM-POA DOCK Co., Ltd.

Shareholders desirous of making inquiries in respect of the redemption issue should apply to the Company's office in Hongkong. All applications for debentures must be sent in before the 29th February 1916. Forms may be had on application.

R. M. DYER, Chief Manager

MAN LOONG.

FIRST-CLASS PRESERVES, GINGER AND SOY MANUFACTURERS

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We are the leading Manufacturers in this class of Goods. Our Fruit & Ginger are all fresh and of the first pick. Our Syrup is prepared from the best quality of Sugar. We give our special attention to the business and sanitary arrangements.

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IRON, STEEL, METAL, and HARDWARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and Foundry Coke Importers. General Storekeepers and Shipchandlers. Nos. 35 and 37, King's Road, (Old Street), west of Central Market Telephone No. 515

Per P. and O. steamer Medina. From London January 24. To Yokohama: Mr. A. C. Ansell. To Shanghai: Rev. and Mrs. W. Rowley. Miss E. T. Taylor. Sister M. McCord. Mr. and Mrs. H. Sacker. Mr. J. McGillivray. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Green and 2 children. Mr. A. C. Loft. Mr. B. Ross. To Hongkong: Mrs. A. Hamilton, Mr. P. Claver.

Per P. and O. steamer Malwa. From London January 22nd. To Yokohama: Mr. T. Loft. To Shanghai: Rev. and Mrs. Hill. Mrs. Cornaby. Miss Wells. Dr. Pearson. Miss Clark. To Hongkong: Miss A. Grant, Miss Goldin.

Per N.Y.K. steamer Miyasaki Maru. From London December 20. To Yokohama: Mr. and Mrs. Mogami. Miss T. Hayashi. Mr. Saito. To Shanghai: Mr. D. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. A. March. Mr. Manwaring. Mr. T. T. Haary. Miss L. R. King. To Kobe: Mr. Totumato. Mr. Paykawa. To Hongkong: Mr. H. West, Mrs. Henderson and infant, Mr. C. H. Gale. Mr. and Mrs. Hay.

Per N.Y.K. steamer Kitano Maru. From London January 1. To Yokohama: Miss J. T. A. Morrison. Mr. A. Schmidt. To Kobe: Mr. M. Nishidura. Miss Kemp. To Shanghai: Mr. Gubbay. Mr. J. A. Smith. Mrs. M. A. and Miss Morrison. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Roberts.

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COMMERCIAL

The Human Hair Trade.

Says the Singapore Free Press:—Thirty cases of Chinese human hair, which were captured at the outbreak of war while bound for Hamburg, were on 8th inst. sold by auction at the Commercial Sale Rooms for prices ranging from \$4 to \$6 6d. per lb., according to length. Before and after the sale quantities of horse tails, goat hair, and cow hair were sold by auction. Prices for Chinese human hair are not on a high level at present, partly because of the absence of German and Austrian buying; Austria in normal times is a large consumer.

The Board of Trade Returns.

The trade and navigation returns of the United Kingdom for last November, issued by the Board of Trade, show large increases in both exports and imports. The value of British exports since and including January, 1915, is \$350,699,817, a decrease of \$33,251,980, as compared with the corresponding eleven months of 1914; while the imports for the eleven months of this year totalled \$783,940,937, against \$629,253,552 in the corresponding period of last year, an increase of \$153,687,385.

The re-exports of foreign and Colonial goods amounted in November to \$3,812,703, as compared with \$5,642,977 in the corresponding month of last year. With regard to our Far Eastern trade, the figures given below show that while the general trend of exports is downward, at any rate when compared with the peace year 1913, there was a notable increase in the quantity of cotton piece goods, cotton flags, handkerchiefs, and shawls, and linen piece goods sent to the Dutch East Indies last month. The export of sulphate of ammonia to the Dutch East Indies has also increased largely, as reference to the table will show. Japan's purchases of ship, bridge and boiler plates were several times larger last month than in the corresponding months of the past two years. There were again no wool tops exported to Japan in November. The value of steel and iron manufactures purchased by the Straits Settlements, it may be noted, has fallen from \$123,241 in the first eleven months of 1913, and \$161,002 in the same period of last year to \$68,656 in the past eleven months of 1915, and from \$23,533 for the month of November, 1913, to \$2,266 last month. The export of unenumerated prime movers to the Straits Settlements has fallen off somewhat similarly, coming to imports, the arrivals of tea from China were about two and a half million pounds less last month than in the corresponding month of 1914, and approximately more nearly the figure for the normal year 1913. Java tea, on the other hand, arrived in still larger quantities last month. No sugar came from the Dutch Colony in November. The import of tin from the Straits Settlements shows a further falling off. Rubber has been imported in larger quantities this year than in 1913 and 1914, the Straits Settlements, F.M.S. and the Dutch East Indies contributing to the advance. To the total imports for November of 14,848,600 lb. may be added 494,400 lb. of waste and reclaimed rubber in the month and 3,854,900 lb. in the past eleven months of the year, making the total imports to date 167,773,440 lb. against 133,686,700 lb. in the corresponding period of last year. We re-exported 11,977,500 lb. of rubber with a value of \$1,365,415 in November, and 132,732,100 lb. valued at \$14,777,142 in the eleven months ending Nov. 30.

COMMERCIAL.

Siam Rice Crop.

Early prognostications as to the excellence of the padi crop in Siam have been fully borne out by results, the rice being both plentiful and excellent in quality. All the mills are hard at work just now and will be so for months to come. Official estimates put the crop at about 2,500,000 buffalo cart-loads, which is about 2,000,000 tons. This probably leaves about 1,750,000 tons available for export.

Renong Tin Dredging.

During the year 1,005,740 cubic yards were treated, and 5,054 piculs, or 301 tons, tin ore were recovered. The profit and loss account for the year shows a debit balance of £18,009, which, after allowing for the credit balance brought forward from the preceding account, viz., £8,687, leaves a debit of £9,322. To this is credited the balance on "share premium" account, £2,445, leaving to be carried forward a debit of profit and loss account on July 1, 1915, £6,877.

American Tea Imports.

More than half of the total import of tea into the United States is from Japan, and the amount imported in 1915 is considerably in excess of the figures for previous years if the statistics for the nine months ended September 30 may be relied upon as standard for the year. During the period mentioned the increase of Japan tea imported was over 5,000,000 pounds more than for the same period of 1914. From Canada was imported 2,374,827 pounds and it is assumed that most of this was Japan tea transhipped. The prevalent taste in America seems to be for Japan and China teas rather than Indian.

Chefoo Electric Light Company. Chefoo, Jan. 15.—The Electric Light Co., of Chefoo has just completed the second year since its formation. Soon after its commencement with a capital stock of £100,000, it received its charter from the Board of Works at Peking. The Company is in Chinese hands, the electricians being Japanese, and at present seems to be ably managed with an up-to-date plant to which important additions are contemplated. The International Committee at once welcomed the enterprise and the streets have been well lighted up for over a year without any failure of current during that time. Somewhat more slowly the leading firms followed suit and foreign residents and several Chinese houses showed no reluctance. The largest contract obtained was with the C. J. M. Schools Compound where about 600 lights have been installed, for this undertaking improved wiring and appliances on a larger scale had to be obtained but a month's trial has, so far, given every satisfaction.—N. C. Daily News.

Shanghai Coal Report. Messrs. Wheelock & Co.'s Coal Market Report (Shanghai, 20th January), says:—
Japan Coal.—Since last writing the market in Japan has been still more active and excited, owing to formidable demands for export, more especially with regard to one large order of 700,000 tons for overseas delivery which, however, has so far remained unfulfilled on account of the impossibility of securing the necessary transport; in fact, the forward sales throughout Japan have been so extensive of late that there is practically no more good steam coal left for sale, added to which a recent conference of mine-owners in Kinsan decided to still further curtail the output for 1916 by 20 per cent. Locally the market has been rather quiet in view of the near approach of Chinese New Year and it is unlikely that any new business will be done until after the holidays but deliveries under old contracts are being hurried forward.

Fushun Coal.—No change, stocks still scarce.
Kailan Coal.—In sympathy with the increased freights this market remains quite firm. Tonnage is so short that deliveries are only maintained on a "hand to mouth" basis. This year's contracts are practically all fixed now and it looks as though stocks will remain short for some time to come.

SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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CORRECTED TO NOON, JAN. 31, 1916.

ANY SUBSEQUENT ALTERATIONS WILL BE FOUND IN "UP TO THE MINUTE SHARE MARKET NEWS."

THE TELEGRAPH DOES NOT HOLD ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS.

EXCHANGE.

Jan. 31st.

T/T Bombay	144 1/2	T/T Calcutta	144 1/2	T/T San Francisco	105 1/2	T/T Java	105 1/2	T/T Manila	105 1/2	T/T Hongkong	105 1/2	T/T Shanghai	105 1/2	T/T London	105 1/2	T/T India	144 1/2	T/T Demand India	144 1/2
T/T Bombay	144 1/2	T/T Calcutta	144 1/2	T/T San Francisco	105 1/2	T/T Java	105 1/2	T/T Manila	105 1/2	T/T Hongkong	105 1/2	T/T Shanghai	105 1/2	T/T London	105 1/2	T/T India	144 1/2	T/T Demand India	144 1/2

Gold Leaf per oz.	\$57.40
Sovereign	\$10.25
Bar Silver per oz.	27

SUBSIDIARY COINS.
Discount per \$100:

Chinese	20 cts. pieces	\$17 3/4
Chinese	10	\$15 1/4
Hongkong	20 cts. pieces	9
Hongkong	10	\$ 8 7/8

BANKS

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION

HEAD OFFICE:
60, Wall Street, New York
LONDON OFFICE:
36, Bishopsgate, E.C.

BRANCHES:—
ROMBAY, CALCUTTA, CANTON, CEBU, COLON, HANKOW, HONGKONG, KOBE, LONDON, MANILA, PANAMA, PEKING, SAN FRANCISCO, SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE, YOKOHAMA.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$3,250,000
RESERVE FUNDS \$2,100,000
(U.S. Gold) \$7,460,000
All kinds of FOREIGN & LOCAL BANKING BUSINESS transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.
N. S. MARSHALL, Manager.
Hongkong, 1st July 1915.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.
Authorized Capital Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital " 30,000,000
Reserve Fund " 20,000,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.
Branches:—
Amoy, Canton, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin, Yokohama.

Agencies at:—
Batavia, Bombay, Calcutta, Cebu, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin, Yokohama.
Interest Allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits accepted for fixed periods; rates to be obtained on application.

ENSHI ONO, Manager.
Hongkong, 21st October, 1915.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.
HEAD OFFICE.—LONDON.
Paid-up Capital £1,200,000
Reserve Fund £1,800,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods, at rates which will be quoted on application.
Wm. DICKSON, Manager.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1912.

NOTICE.
PEAK TRAMWAY CO. LIMITED.
TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.	WEEK DAYS.	WEEK DAYS.	WEEK DAYS.	WEEK DAYS.	WEEK DAYS.	WEEK DAYS.	WEEK DAYS.	WEEK DAYS.	WEEK DAYS.
1st Jan. to 31st Dec.	1st Jan. to 31st Dec.	1st Jan. to 31st Dec.	1st Jan. to 31st Dec.	1st Jan. to 31st Dec.	1st Jan. to 31st Dec.	1st Jan. to 31st Dec.	1st Jan. to 31st Dec.	1st Jan. to 31st Dec.	1st Jan. to 31st Dec.

BANKS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS:—
Sinking \$1,500,000 at 2 1/2%
Silver \$18,000,000
Total \$33,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$15,000,000
COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Chairman.
W. L. Patterson, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
S. H. Dodwell, Esq.
G. T. M. Edkins, Esq.
C. S. Gubbay, Esq.
Hon. Mr. P. H. Hoyle, Esq.
J. A. Plummer, Esq.
Hon. Mr. E. Shubert, Esq.
HONGKONG—N. J. Stabb, Esq. MANAGER.
Shanghai—A. G. Stephen, Esq. London Bankers—London County and Westminster Limited.

Hongkong—Interest Allowed: On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months. 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months. 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months. 4 per cent. per annum.

N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
Depositors may transfer, at their option, balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.
For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office 15 Gracechurch Street, London.
Authorized Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed " 1,125,000
Paid Up " 562,500
Reserve Fund " 500,000

BANKERS:

The Bank of England
The London Joint Stock Bank Limited.

BRANCHES:—

Bombay, Calcutta, Colombo, Delhi, Galle, Hongkong, Howrah, Kandy, Karachi, Kota Bharu, Kuala Lumpur, Madras, Penang, Rangoon, Shanghai, Singapore.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Every description of Banking & Exchange business transacted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances, and on

WAR TELEGRAMS

(Continued from Page 3)

FEARED LOSS OF THE LINER APPAM

January 28, 6.00 p.m.

Passengers who arrived at Plymouth this afternoon from West Africa were astounded to hear that the Appam is missing. They say she had over 200 passengers.

January 28, 6.10 p.m.

It is announced in Liverpool that Sir E. M. Mervether, the Governor of Sierra Leone, with his wife and suite were aboard the Appam.

Later.

Sir E. M. Mervether was homeward bound to assume the Governorship of the Leeward Islands. Other passengers on the Appam were Mr. F. S. James, the Governor of Lagos, who was going to take up the Colonial Secretaryship of the Straits Settlements, and Mr. F. O. Fuller, the Chief Commissioner of Ashanti, with his wife. There were also many West African Civil Servants.

January 28, 8.20 p.m.

It is officially announced that the Appam carried 87 first class and 81 other passengers and a crew of 133, but these numbers may be slightly exceeded.

THE AERIAL ATTACK ON FREIBURG.

January 28, 7.40 p.m.

A German official communique makes the extraordinary statement, "No definite reports of a nocturnal enemy aerial attack on the port of Freiburg are yet to hand." Freiburg is possibly near the entrance to the Rhine Canal.

January 28, 10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam shows that the air-raid was made on Freiburg in Baden and not on Freiburg on the Elbe. The raid was a reprisal for the aeroplane attack on Dover. The town was celebrating the Kaiser's birthday and the theatre was packed.

January 29, 2.40 a.m.

A Paris communique states that it was a dirigible which bombed Freiburg in retaliation for the Zeppelin bombing of villages in the Epernay district. Thirty-eight large bombs were dropped on the stations and the military establishments which were seriously damaged.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S REASSURING STATEMENT.

January 28, 9.55 p.m.

Mr. Lloyd George has been interviewed by the Secolo di Milano. After a warm appreciation of the unconquerable tenacity of the Italians who are fighting on the Alpine peaks and dragging guns to insurmountable heights, he promised that the Government would do its utmost to remedy the shortage of shipping from which all the Allies were suffering alike. He hoped that a party of Italians would come to see the tremendous munitions works of Great Britain. Mr. Lloyd George declared that he was absolutely confident; firstly, because the Allies were taking counsel together instead of acting independently as they had mistakenly done in the past; and, secondly, "because we shall have more men, strong and fit, and more munitions than the enemy, so that the war is only beginning for us, while the economic and financial conditions of Germany are growing worse daily. There must be no military deadlock," he said. "It may take long to crack the nut, but we must hear it crack. It is a grim, final struggle between military authority and political liberty. If there were a general election in Britain to-morrow not a single member against the war would be returned."

FIGHTING IN WESTERN EGYPT.

January 28, 11.30 p.m.

An official statement has been published giving further details of the fighting in Western Egypt on the 23rd inst. The enemy were unaware of our advance until the dawn of the 23rd. Deserters who have arrived at Mersa Matruh state that the enemy losses on the flank alone exceeded the total losses in the engagement on December 25, and included some Turkish officers. This severe defeat has greatly discouraged the local Beduins with the Senusi and they are reported to be deserting and returning east.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

January 29, 12.10 a.m.

A communique states that after intense artillery fire, the Austrians, on the evening of the 27th inst., three times attempted to rush the Italian positions on the upper Isonzo, but were repulsed with heavy losses. Finally they took to flight and the Italians re-occupied part of the ground abandoned on the night of the 24th inst., and consolidated their positions.

THE RUSSIANS.

January 29, 1.35 a.m.

A Petrograd communique states that the Russians continue their successes in the Caucasus. They crushed a large Turkish column west of Melszghert, taking hundreds of prisoners and huge quantities of munitions and material. They pursued the Turks into the town of Khrys-tala, between Ezerum and Mush, where they captured a great reserve of munitions and food. The Turks are fleeing towards Mush.

The Russians have defeated large Turkish forces in Persia, south of Lake Urmia, capturing numerous Turks and Kurds, a quantity of arms and munitions and a thousand head of cattle. They also repulsed the enemy southwards to the south-east of Hamadan.

January 29, 1.35 a.m.

A Petrograd communique states there have been active artillery duels in the Riga region, where enemy aeroplanes are regulating the fire, and have also bombed several places. A number of Zeppelins bombed Dvinsk. Russian artillery dispersed a large German force in the region of Lake Svenden. Russian bomb throwers dislodged the enemy from three mine craters to the north of Boin in the region of the Strypa.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

January 28, 3.20 a.m.

Reuter's Salonica correspondent states that a landing at Karabornu was effected under the guns of warships. The Greek commander protested. Simultaneously with the naval landing, the French infantry surrounded the fort and neighbouring habitations on the land side, searched the buildings and ordered the removal of the inhabitants. The action of the Allies was due to the undependability of the fortress being in other hands than theirs, and to the belief that a German submarine base supplies in the vicinity of this coast.

POST OFFICE

CHINESE NEW YEAR, HOLIDAY

On Thursday next, the 3rd February, being Chinese New Year Day the Post Office will be entirely closed.

There will be no delivery or collection of correspondence from the Pillar Boxes. Non-Sorters may, however, obtain their ordinary correspondence on application at the counter at the South West of the building.

On Friday, the 4th the Post Office will be open from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and there will be one delivery and one collection of ordinary letters as on Saturdays.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

On and after the 1st February 1916, a mail will be closed at 12.30 a.m. for Macao excepting Sundays, when the Mail will be closed at 3.30 a.m.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Agular Radio Telegraph Station.

MAILS DUE.

Siberia, N. Korea, 2nd Feb.
English, N. Korea, 4th Feb.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Straits, Burma & India via Calcutta - Per COLOMBO 0 M. 31st Jan. 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India via Bombay - Per TOULON 0 M. 31st Jan. 5 p.m.
Shanghai & N. China - Per HONGKONG 31st Jan. 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 31st Feb.

Patiki & Haiphong - Per SUNGRIANG 1st Feb. 9 a.m.
Japan via Kobe - Per TATSUBAR 2nd Feb. 10 a.m.
Tientsin & Victoria - Per TATSUBAR 2nd Feb. 10 a.m.
Batavia, Semarang, Surabaya - Per Moresby (via Batavia) - Per TIKEMBAANG 1st Feb. 2 p.m.
Shanghai & N. China - Per YINGCHOW 1st Feb. 3 p.m.
Philippine Is. - Per CHINESE 1st Feb. 3 p.m.
Shanghai & N. China - Per KWONG-SANG 1st Feb. 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd Feb.

Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou via Amoy & Taiwan - Per SOSHU MARU 2nd Jan. 7 a.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe - Per TATSUBAR 2nd Feb. 10 a.m.
Victoria B.C., North & South America, via Seattle & United Kingdom via Canada - Per SHIDZUOKA M. 2nd Feb. 10 a.m.
Japan via Kobe - Per TATSUBAR 2nd Feb. 10 a.m.
Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Kobe - Per TATSUBAR 2nd Feb. 10 a.m.
Victoria B.C., North & South America, via Seattle & United Kingdom via Canada - Per SHIDZUOKA M. 2nd Feb. 10 a.m.
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Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Kobe - Per TATSUBAR 2nd Feb. 10 a.m.
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Victoria B.C., North & South America, via Seattle & United Kingdom via Canada - Per SHIDZUOKA M. 2nd Feb. 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, 3rd Feb.

Haiphong & Haiphong - Per HONGKONG 3rd Feb. 9 a.m.

SATURDAY, 5th Feb.

Straits & India via Calcutta - Per LAISANG 5th Feb. 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, 6th Feb.

Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou - Per HAI-CHING 6th Feb. 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 8th Feb.

Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou - Per HAI-CHING 8th Feb. 1 p.m.
Philippine Is. - Per KUEICHOW 8th Feb. 3 p.m.

TIDE TABLE.

From 31st to 6th Feb. 1916.

Hour	High Water	Low Water	Mean Time
Mon. Feb.	11.15	5.15	11.15
Tues. Feb.	11.15	5.15	11.15
Wed. Feb.	11.15	5.15	11.15
Thurs. Feb.	11.15	5.15	11.15
Fri. Feb.	11.15	5.15	11.15
Sat. Feb.	11.15	5.15	11.15
Sun. Feb.	11.15	5.15	11.15

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Tokai Maru, Jap. ss. 2,020, U. Tanaka 30th Jan. - Mon. 26th Jan. Gen. - N.Y.K.
Hakata Maru, Jap. ss. 1,500, S. Thomson 30th Jan. - Swatow, 26th Jan. Gen. - D. L. & Co.
Teli Chien, ss. 1,071, Y. S. Gundersen 30th Jan. - Saigon, Gen. - Order.
Pania Maru, Jap. ss. 2,354, K. Hishino 30th Jan. - Shanghai, Gen. - N.Y.K.
Linan, Br. ss. 1,356, E. J. Pottinger 30th Jan. - Shanghai, 26th Jan. Gen. - R. & S.
Java Maru, Jap. ss. 2,354, K. Hishino 30th Jan. - M. J. 23rd Jan. General - O.S.N.
Shantung, Br. ss. 1,568, J. Meathurst 30th Jan. - Shanghai, 27th Jan. Gen. - R. & S.
Albion, Br. ss. 2,297, S. R. Bells 30th Jan. - Shanghai, 27th Jan. Gen. - Coal - D. & Co.
Chita Maru, Jap. ss. 435, Muraui 30th Jan. - M. J. 24th Jan. Case of - Order.
Yunghu, Chi. ss. 1,073, Le-ga, 31st Jan. - Shanghai, 27th Jan. Gen. - C.M.
Oleg, Rza ss. 1,376, P. Mender, 31st Jan. - Kanton, 27th Jan. Gen. - Wing Fat Hong.
Tahang, Br. ss. 977, Knight, 31st Jan. - Hobow, 27th Jan. Gen. - J. M. & Co.

DEPARTED.

Jan. 29.
Choo Chiu for Singapore via Swatow
Loongang for Manila
Tientsin for Shanghai
Eastern for Melbourne via Tientsin
Java Maru for Bombay via Singapore
Kaiji Maru for Tientsin via Swatow
Yingow for Canton
Luchow for Shanghai
Hakama for Fuzhou via Swatow
Tsun Maru for K. bevia Shanghai
Faching for Canton

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Jan. 29.
Parties for Marseilles via Haiphong
Parties for Yokohama via Shanghai
Rampoon Maru for Kote via Shanghai
Linau for Canton
Jan. 31.
Ann for Bangkok
Tokai Maru for Bombay via Singapore
S. anning for Canton
Taka Maru for Tientsin
Colombo Maru for Cebu via Singapore
Mexico Maru for Tacoma via Shanghai
Kwangkee for Shanghai
Yi Maru for Canton
Albion for Canton
Parties for Yokohama via Shanghai
Tama Maru for 15 for Milne
Chimato for Vladivostok

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on the 1st Jan. 1916.
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

Reservoir	Level	Storage
Tyuan	102.5	102.5
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STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

Reservoir	Storage
Tyuan	102.5
Tyuan	102.5
Tyuan	102.5
Tyuan	102.5
Tyuan	102.5
Tyuan	102.5
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Tyuan	102.5
Tyuan	102.5
Tyuan	102.5

Consumption of water in the City and Hill Districts in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of Dec. 1915.

Category	Consumption
Domestic	102.5
Commercial	102.5
Industrial	102.5
Public Works	102.5
Total	102.5

Kowloon Water Works Level.

Reservoir	Level
Kowloon	102.5
Kowloon	102.5
Kowloon	102.5
Kowloon	102.5
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Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of Dec. 1915.

Category	Consumption
Domestic	102.5
Commercial	102.5
Industrial	102.5
Public Works	102.5
Total	102.5

The Government Analyst's reports show that the water is of excellent quality.

Public Works Department. W. CHATHAM, Water Authority.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind Direction	Force	Weather
30.09	62	58	E	NWS	0
30.12	70	80	E	2	0
30.15	70	80	E	2	0
30.18	70	80	E	2	0
30.21	70	80	E	2	0
30.24	70	80	E	2	0
30.27	70	80	E	2	0
30.30	70	80	E	2	0
30.33	70	80	E	2	0
30.36	70	80	E	2	0

H.K. Observatory, 31st January.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 31st at 11.15 - The anticyclone has weakened and moved eastward. It is now centred over the Yellow Sea.

A shallow depression lies over Manchuria and a Y-shaped depression between Formosa and Luzon.

Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected over the N. China Sea. It is interrupted to the north of Wanchow.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
1. Hongkong to Gap Rock	North winds fresh to moderate; fine.
2. Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, strong.
3. South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
4. South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	N.E. winds, moderate.

China Coast Meteorological Register, 31st January, a.m.

Station Hour

Barometer Temperature Humidity Wind Direction Force Weather

Wanchow 6a 30.27 62 58 NW 6

Nomuro 1a 30.05 70 80 NW 4

Kobe 1a 30.10 70 80 NW 1

Kochi 1a 30.13 70 80 NW 1

Nagasaki 1a 30.23 70 80 NW 1

Kagami 1a 30.19 70 80 NW 1

Oshima 1a 30.12 70 80 NW 1

Naha 1a 30.01 70 80 NW 1

Ishigaki 1a 30.04 70 80 NW 1

Bonin Is. 1a 30.10 70 80 NW 1

Chafu 1a 30.24 34 69 NW 6 b

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